



CONTEST ENTRY FORM



2024 Solutions to Stormwater Pollution Calendar

The 2024 theme is stormwater-friendly lawn and yard care 

Student Name: _____ Middle School: _____

Student Grade: _____ Student or Parent Phone: _____

Student or Parent Email: _____ Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Entry Type (check one): ARTWORK POEM

What is the media of your artwork? (circle all that apply)

crayon | pastels | acrylic | oils | pencil | colored pencils | ink | watercolors | chalk

Other: _____

I have read the Contest Rules, my submittal complies with the rules of this contest and I agree to the Cowlitz Clean Waters' use of submitted materials for educational outreach efforts:

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entries should be submitted as follows:

<p>By U.S. Mail to: City of Longview Stormwater Division PO Box 128 Longview, WA 98632</p>	<p>By Hand or UPS/Fedex Delivery to: Longview City Hall Stormwater Division 1525 Broadway St Longview, WA 98632</p>	<p>By Email to: lisa.vertrees@ci.longview.wa.us (poetry entries only)</p>
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Contest Rules can be found at: <https://www.cowlitzcleanwaters.org/student>



2024 “SOLUTIONS TO STORMWATER POLLUTION” CALENDAR CONTEST

Cowlitz Clean Waters, a collaborative initiative of local government agencies and educational partners, is sponsoring its sixth annual calendar contest to raise awareness of the solutions to stormwater pollution. Cowlitz Clean Waters is encouraging middle school students to tap their creativity to create artwork and write poetry illustrating and conveying the ways that we can stop stormwater pollution and keep our local streams, rivers and lakes clean and healthy. The twelve winning pieces of art and twelve poems will be featured in the Cowlitz Clean Waters’ 2024 “Solutions to Stormwater Pollution” Calendar.

*The theme for this year’s contest is **stormwater-friendly lawn and yard care*** 

CONTEST RULES

1. The contest is open to all middle school students in Cowlitz County (i.e. enrolled in 6th – 8th grade at a public, private or home school within Cowlitz County).
2. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed **Contest Entry Form** signed by the student and parent/guardian.
3. Each student may submit one (1) piece of art and one (1) poem. Each submittal will be considered a separate entry and will require a separate completed **Contest Entry Form**.
4. The format for artwork is **8.5" x 11"** with a horizontal (landscape) orientation.
5. Students may use the following media to create their artwork: crayons, ink, pencil, colored pencils, acrylic, oils, watercolors, chalks, etc. Photography and computer-generated artwork will not be accepted.
6. Poetry entries may be short poems or haikus. Short poems **may not exceed four lines**. Haikus should be in a traditional format (see <http://www.kathimitchell.com/poemtypes.html>).
7. Artwork must be **original** work by the student (no traced, trademarked, or copyrighted characters or graphics). Others may not participate or assist in creating the student’s artwork or poem.
8. Each artwork or poem **must** depict the 2024 theme of “stormwater-friendly lawn and yard care” which may draw from the following tips and pollution-prevention practices:
 - *Don’t Blow It!* – **Bag or Compost Leaves and Yard Debris**
 - *Make it Green!* – **Plant Trees and Native Vegetation**
 - *A Little Goes a Long Way!* – **Minimize Use of Pesticides and Fertilizers**
 - *Only Rain Down the Storm Drain!*

PRIZES

- **Grand Prize for best artwork: *\$250 Amazon gift card***
(Artwork will also be featured on the cover of the calendar)
- **Eleven Runner-up Prizes for artwork selected for the calendar: *\$100 Amazon gift card***
- **Twelve Prizes for each poem selected for the calendar: *\$50 Amazon gift card***

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Ability of the submission to illustrate/convey ways to reduce and prevent stormwater pollution and keep our local streams, waterways, rivers and lakes clean and healthy
- Artistic quality of the submission
- Adherence to the Contest Rules

CONTEST DEADLINE AND SUBMITTAL

The contest deadline is **5 pm on Monday, November 27, 2023.**

**** All submissions must be received by the deadline ****

Original artwork should be delivered or sent in a flat sturdy envelope or box (please do not roll artwork into tubes or fold artwork since these damage entries for reproduction purposes). Poetry submissions may be sent via email with a scanned copy of the entry form.

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COWLITZ CLEAN WATERS USE OF SUBMITTED MATERIALS

Winning entries will be featured in the 2024 Cowlitz Clean Waters Calendar. All submitted artwork and poetry may be used in other Cowlitz Clean Waters educational outreach efforts.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, contact: Lisa Vertrees, City of Longview, at **360-442-5209** or by email at lisa.vertrees@ci.longview.wa.us

More information about Cowlitz Clean Waters can be found at www.cowlitzcleanwaters.org