



CALENDAR CONTEST BE THE SOLUTION!

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Middle school students in Cowlitz County are invited to create art work and write poems that illustrate ways we can stop stormwater pollution and keep our local streams, rivers and lakes clean and healthy. 24 winning entries will be awarded Amazon gift cards and featured in our annual "Solutions to Stormwater Pollution" calendar.

Open to students enrolled in 6th -8th grade at a public, private or home school in Cowlitz County. Entries must be accompanied by a Contest Entry Form signed by the student and a parent or guardian. For more contest information and details, read the contest rules!

THIS YEAR'S THEME IS: PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

- **Pick Up Litter!**
Get friends and family together to collect neighborhood trash.
- **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!**
Re-use what you can and recycle what you can't.
- **Let's Talk Trash!**
Put garbage where it belongs.
- **Only Rain Down The Drain!**
Birds mistake litter for food and aquatic life can get tangled up.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL
STUDENTS
GRADES 6-8**

**SOLUTIONS
TO POLLUTION
CALENDAR CONTEST**

**PICK UP LITTER AND
HELP RECYCLE**

**PUT WASTE IN
ITS PLACE**

**\$1,950 IN PRIZES
TO 24 WINNERS**

\$250 GRAND PRIZE
AMAZON GIFT CARD

**MUST BE RECEIVED BY
5PM NOVEMBER 13, 2025**

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:
CITY OF LONGVIEW
STORMWATER DEPT
1525 BROADWAY
PO BOX 128
LONGVIEW, WA 98632

IF IT'S ON THE GROUND, IT'S IN THE WATER

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Adherence to contest rules
- Artistic quality of the entry
- Ability to illustrate ways to reduce pollution
- Ability to help raise stormwater awareness

CONTEST RULES

- Must be middle school student in Cowlitz County
- Contest Entry Form must be included with the entry
- Each student may submit (1) art entry and (1) poem
- Artwork must be 8.5" x 11" with horizontal orientation
- Art must be original by the student - not traced, copied, digital or computer assisted.
- Entries must depict tips related to this year's theme
- Art can be ink, paint, chalk crayon or colored pencils
- Poems may not exceed (4) lines. Rhyming is optional!
- Art entries should be flat: DO NOT FOLD OR ROLL

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lisa Vertrees
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PRIZES

Grand prize for best art: **\$250 Amazon Gift Card**

Eleven runner-up artists: **\$100 Amazon Gift Card**

Twelve winning poems: **\$50 Amazon Gift Cards**

ALL WINNERS FEATURED IN THE CALENDAR!



CONTEST ENTRY FORM

2026 Solutions to Stormwater Pollution Calendar

THEME: LET'S TALK TRASH! PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE

Student Name: _____ Middle School: _____

Student Grade: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____ Teacher: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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: _____

All entries must be submitted as follows and received by 5PM on Thursday, November 13, 2025

By U.S. Mail:	By Hand or UPS / FedEx:	By Email:
City of Longview Stormwater Department PO Box 128 Longview, WA 98632	Longview City Hall Stormwater Department 1525 Broadway Longview, WA 98632	lisa.vertrees@ci.longview.wa.us (poems only)



For contest rules and more information,
visit CowlitzCleanWaters.org/students
or scan here.

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