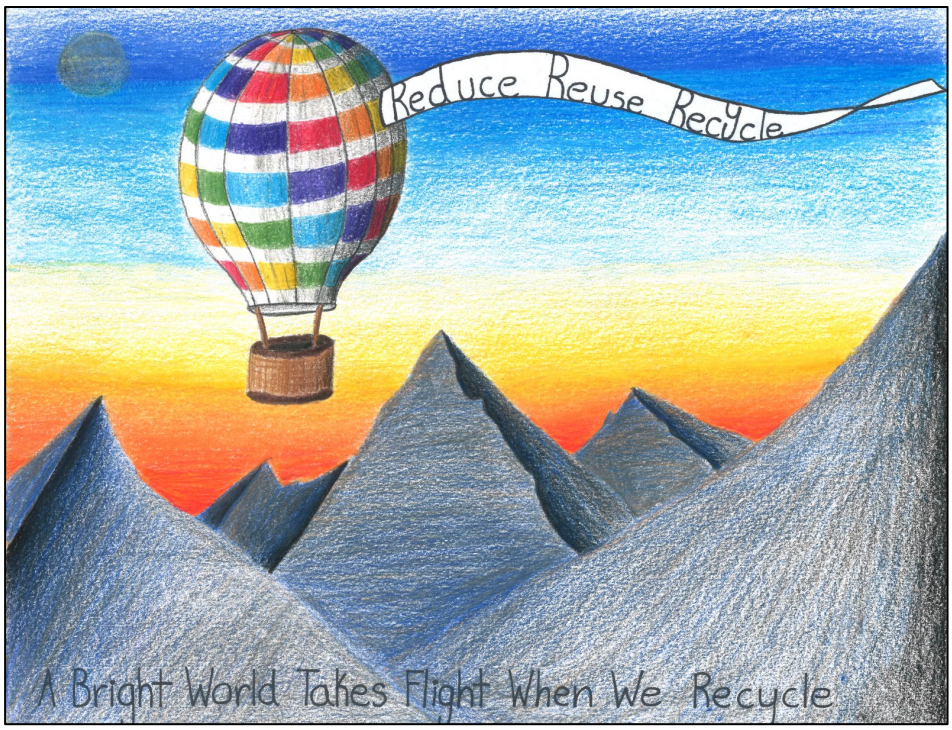

CALENDAR CONTEST
BE THE SOLUTION!

COWLITZCLEANWATERS.ORG

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 THEMES: CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- **A Little Goes a Long Way:** Use herbicide and insecticide sparingly
- **Put Waste In Its Place:** Pick up trash and put it where it belongs
- **Don't Blow It:** Bag up leaves instead of blowing them to the curb
- **Spread The Word:** Tell your friends how to help stop pollution
- **Keep Cars Clean & Green:** Wash cars on the lawn or at a car wash
- **Don't Drip & Drive:** Fix car leaks to keep gas and oil out of drains
- **Scoop the Poop:** Pick up after your pets and put it in the garbage
- **Only Rain Down the Drain:** Protect our local waters

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

SOLUTIONS TO POLLUTION CALENDAR CONTEST

CREATE ART OR POEM ABOUT ONE OF EIGHT THEMES

$1,950 IN PRIZES TO 24 WINNERS

$250 GRAND PRIZE AMAZON GIFT CARD

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5PM OCTOBER 29, 2026

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:
CITY OF LONGVIEW
PUBLIC WORKS - STORM
1525 BROADWAY
PO BOX 128
LONGVIEW, WA 98632

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

JUDGING CRITERIA

Follow the contest rules: Must be horizontal and fit on the page
Artistic quality: Be creative! Use fun colors that will reproduce well
Illustrate ways to reduce pollution: Clearly depict one theme
Ability to raise stormwater awareness: Include a short message!

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 RULES

- Must be a middle school student in Cowlitz County
- Contest Entry Form must be included with your entry
- Each student may submit one art entry and one 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 ideas related to this year's themes.
- 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
City of Longview
Public Works - Stormwater
360.442.5209
lisa.vertrees@ci.longview.wa.us
www.cowlitzcleanwaters.org

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CONTEST ENTRY FORM

2027 Solutions to Stormwater Pollution Calendar

PICK ONE OF EIGHT SUGGESTED THEMES!

Student Name: _____ Middle School: _____

Student Grade: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY (CHECK ONE): ☐ ART ☐ POEM

If you want to enter both contests for your artwork and poem, submit a separate entry form for each!

WHAT THEME DID YOU CHOOSE? (CHECK ONE):

- ☐ A LITTLE GOES A LONG WAY
- ☐ DON'T BLOW IT
- ☐ KEEP CARS CLEAN AND GREEN
- ☐ SCOOP THE POOP
- ☐ PUT WASTE IN ITS PLACE
- ☐ SPREAD THE WORD
- ☐ DON'T DRIP AND DRIVE
- ☐ ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

I have read the Contest Rules, my entry complies with the Contest Rules and I agree to let Cowlitz Clean Waters use what I am submitting for educational outreach efforts.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 5PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2026		
By U.S. Mail:	***By Hand or UPS / FedEx:***	***By Email (Poems Only):***
City of Longview Public Works – Stormwater PO Box 128 Longview, WA 98632	Longview City Hall Public Works – Stormwater 1525 Broadway Longview, WA 98632	lisa.vertrees@ci.longview.wa.us

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

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