



## Nevada Recycles

Nevada Division of  
Environmental Protection  
[ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles](http://ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles)

# Poster Contest Call for Entries

Open to kindergarten through high-school students  
*Please share this information with others who may be interested*

**Entry deadline:**  
**October 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM**  
**Prizes for students and schools!**

In celebration of America Recycles Day, all of Nevada's K-12 students are invited to showcase their artistic talent and their commitment to recycling by participating in the Nevada Recycles Poster Contest.

### **PRIZES**

One grand-prize winner from each grade category receives a **\$50 gift card**.

The grand-prize winner's school from each grade category receives a **\$100 gift card for room supplies**.

Winning artwork will be used in Nevada to help promote recycling and America Recycles Day, celebrated every year on November 15th.

We hope your school, organization or business will participate, the contest rules are on the following pages. We look forward to working with you. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# Poster Contest Rules

*\*\*Please read the following contest rules carefully\*\*  
Only posters that meet the contest rules will be considered.*

## **Deadline**

Poster files and release forms should be received by Nevada Recycles **no later than October 18, 2021 at 5:00 pm**. Please submit entries early. Winners will be notified as soon as possible after the deadline.

## **Eligibility**

All students (kindergarten through high school) in Nevada public and private schools (including home schools) and youth organizations are eligible.

## **Poster Requirements**

Posters created by students must be their own original artwork. Copyrighted characters (such as Superman) or copyrighted clip art will not be accepted.

## Materials:

Students may use a variety of media, such as watercolor, pen and ink, crayon, markers, or computer graphics. Brighter colors show up better, light pencil marks will not show up. Artwork should be easy to see, read and understand. Students are encouraged to incorporate recycled or recyclable materials in their creations.

## Layout:

Landscape (horizontal) layout is best, but portrait (vertical) layout will be accepted.

## Release Form:

**Each poster must be accompanied by a completed Release Form** (page 5). A poster not accompanied by a completed Release Form will not be eligible for further judging.

## Electronic Submission:

**Only electronic submissions are accepted** (scanned copies or photos of hand-drawn posters). The preferred format is JPEG, PNG or PDF. The electronic submission should capture the original poster without editing, and images should be clear (not blurry), well-lit and well-framed.

## **File Name**

Use the following format for the image file name for each poster submitted electronically:

GradeLevel\_LastName of student

**Upload the files with the appropriate release forms to \_\_\_\_\_.**

## Theme

Students are encouraged to incorporate the theme “Empty, Clean, and Dry” into their artwork (see page 4). Information on solid waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting and buying recycled products can be found on our website, [ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles](http://ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles), or [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org).

## Judging Procedure

The posters will be grouped into one of the following four grade categories:

- Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 3rd grade through 5th grade
- 6th grade through 8th grade
- 9th grade through 12th grade

Two (2) finalists will be selected in each grade category; only finalists will be notified. The two best posters in each grade category will be selected based on the judging criteria listed below. A grand prize winner for each grade category will be selected from the finalists.

## Judging Criteria

1. Conveys clear message through text and artwork.
2. Exhibits creativity, originality and artistic quality.
3. Displays visual clarity and correct spelling – easy to read and understand.
4. Addresses the theme listed on page 4.

## Prizes

### Teacher/School/Organization:

Please photocopy and give a “Certificate of Recognition” (master copy enclosed, page 6) to all students that participate to acknowledge their efforts.

### Statewide Winners:

One winner from each grade category will be awarded a grand prize of a \$50 gift card for themselves. The grand-prize winner’s school from each grade category will receive a \$100 gift card for room supplies.

The 8 finalists’ artwork will be highlighted on Nevada Recycles’ website and used to promote recycling and America Recycles Day in November.

### **Please Remember:**

- Entries must meet the poster requirements specified on page 2 and **must be submitted with the completed Release Form on page 5.**
- All artwork submitted becomes property of Nevada Recycles and may be reproduced without remuneration to the artist.

# Theme

## Empty, Clean, and Dry

Recycling is the process of collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products. Recycling benefits your community and the environment.

For recycling to be effective, it must be done properly. Any recyclable placed in your recycling bin should be:

1. **Empty:** the item has been emptied of all its contents.
2. **Clean:** the item has been quickly rinsed if needed.
3. **Dry:** the item has had time to dry before being placed in the recycling bin.

While all bottles, cans and containers should be clean, dry and free of most food waste before you place them in your recycling container, they don't need to be spotless. The goal is to make sure they are clean enough to avoid contaminating other materials, like paper and cardboard. Try using a spatula to scrape cans and jars, and putting recyclables in your sink among the dishes you are rinsing to share that same water to rinse and remove residue (wm.com).

Did you know, if contamination is found in a recycling bin, the whole bin has to be discarded in the landfill? Not only does the material go to waste, but all of your hard work to separate the material and all of the hard work of your providers to pick up and sort the material have gone to waste too. These three simple rules will help keep materials in the reuse cycle and out of the landfill.

### Visit these websites for more information:

[ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles](http://ndep.nv.gov/nevada-recycles)

Nevada Recycles: Where can I recycle?

Waste Management: Recycling 101

Republic Services: Recycling Guide

[epa.gov/americanrecycles](http://epa.gov/americanrecycles)

[epa.gov/recycle](http://epa.gov/recycle)

[epa.gov/recycle/reduce-reuse-recycle-resources-students-and-educators](http://epa.gov/recycle/reduce-reuse-recycle-resources-students-and-educators)

[science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/recycling.htm](http://science.howstuffworks.com/environmental/green-science/recycling.htm)



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

# Release Form

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED WITH ELECTRONIC FILES.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School/Organization Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher/Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Parent E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student/Parent Home Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this poster was created entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork and there are no copyrighted characters used. I agree that it may be offered for public display or publication at some time during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes the property of Nevada Recycles and may be reproduced without remuneration to the artist. The only information that will be released is the student's name, school, grade, and hometown.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Student

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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AWARDS THIS

## Certificate of Recognition

TO

FOR CONTRIBUTING ARTWORK AND SHOWING THEIR COMMITMENT TO  
RECYCLING AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN  
The Nevada Recycles  
Recycling Poster Contest

AWARDED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_,

*Skylar Jones*

Skylar Jones, Education and Outreach Coordinator  
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection