



Nevada Recycles

Nevada Division of
Environmental Protection
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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 13, 2022 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 **\$25 gift card as well as sustainability prizes.**

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

Sustainability prizes may include: Compost bins, Rocketbooks (reusable notebooks), reusable tote bags, reusable sandwich bags, reusable food containers, and bamboo utensils.

Winning artwork will be displayed in Southern Nevada RTC buses, the Northern Nevada RTC transfer station and the Carson City Library, to help promote recycling and America Recycles Day 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 13, 2022 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: **11 inch x 17 inch posters in landscape** (horizontal) layout is best, but letter size posters (8.5 inches x 11 inches) will also 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.

Uploading Files

You will be uploading two (2) files per submission: 1 release form file and 1 poster file.

1. Save files under file name specifications
Use the following format for the file names for each file submitted electronically:

GradeLevel_LastNameOfStudent_Release

Gradelevel_LastNameOfStudent_Poster

2. Visit the website below to submit your file:

<https://dcrnftp.ndep.nv.gov/public/folder/5a7LErB6jEuY4IDGilHgVw/Poster%20Contest%202022>

3. Click the green "**Add Files**" button and add the release form and poster files.
4. Once both files are shown on the screen, click the blue "**Start Upload**" button to finish submitting the files. You're all done!

If you have any issues uploading your files, please contact Ali Szabo by email (aszabo@ndep.nv.gov) or phone (775-687-9481).

Theme

Students are encouraged to incorporate the theme "Refuse It or Reuse It" 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, or 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

Three (3) finalists will be selected in each grade category; only finalists will be notified. The three 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 \$25 gift card for themselves along with sustainability prizes. The grand-prize winner's school from each grade category will receive a \$100 gift card for room supplies.

The 12 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

Refuse It or Reuse It

This year, the Poster Contest theme is focused on reducing waste to increase the recycling rate. Two ways to reduce waste include buying or taking only what you need and extending the life span of an item by reusing it.

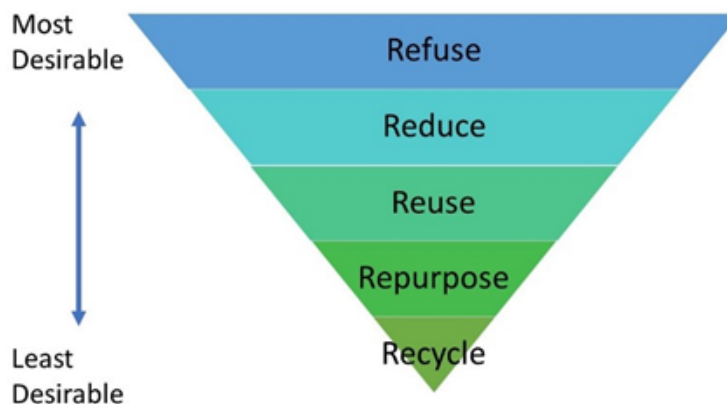
Nevada has a recycling rate goal of 25%. This means that we want to divert at least 25% of our waste away from landfills into better uses, such as recycling or composting. Reaching this goal can be accomplished by properly recycling more materials **and** reducing our waste.

$$\text{Recycling Rate Equation} = \frac{\text{Recycled Material Weight}}{\text{Recycled Material Weight} + \text{Waste Material Weight}}$$

A great way to reduce waste is to refuse single-use items, such as plastic straws, bags, cups, and utensils. Next time you are offered a single-use item, ask yourself "Do I really need this, or can I do without it?" Challenge yourself to find opportunities to "Refuse" or "Reuse" in your daily actions.

Examples of Refusing and Reusing

1. Getting takeout to eat at home? Let the restaurant know you don't need plastic ware, napkins or condiments and use your own utensils.
2. Going to your favorite coffee shop in the morning? Bring your own cup or go where they offer a washable mug.
3. Reuse plastic cups for watering or growing plants at home.



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 _____,

Ali Szabo

Ali Szabo, Education and Outreach Coordinator
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection