



Open to students, K-12, attending a school in the Oro Loma Sanitary District that is serviced by Waste Management for recycling

For the fifteenth year in a row, Oro Loma Sanitary District and Waste Management are sponsoring an Earth Day Poster Contest. The contest is free and open to all students attending a school located in the Oro Loma Sanitary District that is serviced by Waste Management for recycling.

This year's contest slogan is: **Recycling Rules!** Students must create a poster to show they understand the current rules for recycling in Oro Loma. The contest kicks off on January 20, 2009. The entry deadline is March 20, 2009. A list of cash winners in each grade category will be announced [here](#) on Earth Day, April 22, 2009. The specific placement of winners within each grade category will be unveiled at an awards ceremony on May 26, 2009.

Prizes are as follows: First Place \$700, Second Place \$500, Third Place \$300, Honorable Mention (two awarded) \$150. Prizes will be awarded to the winning students in each of six grade groups: K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-10, 11-12. Matching cash prizes will be awarded to the winning students' schools. Non-monetary Certificates of Merit will be given to the 15 finalists in each grade category who do not win a cash prize.

Free poster paper with an entry form printed on the back may be picked up at the student's school, at Waste Management's Oakland office (172 98th Avenue), and at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office (2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo). An entry form is also available for download [here](#) and one is printed in the Oro Loma 2008-2009 calendar.

All winning posters will be printed on the back of the Oro Loma 2009-2010 calendar. A selection of these posters will also be featured on each month.

All posters will be returned to the schools that submitted them. More information is available [here](#), or call (510) 276-4700.

Oro Loma Earth Day 2009 Poster Contest

“Recycling Rules!”

Frequently Asked Questions

◆ **Who is sponsoring the contest?**

Oro Loma Sanitary District and Waste Management of Alameda County are sponsoring the Oro Loma Earth Day 2009 Poster Contest.

◆ **What are the prizes?**

First Place: \$700

Second Place: \$500

Third Place: \$300

Honorable Mention (2 awarded): \$150

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Matching cash prizes will be awarded to the students' schools. Non-monetary Certificates of Merit will be given to the 15 finalists in each grade group who do not win a cash prize.

◆ **Who is eligible?**

All students in grades K-12 attending a school located in the Oro Loma Sanitary District that is serviced by Waste Management for recycling are eligible to compete. Only individual students may enter; groups are not eligible to compete.

◆ **How do I know if I attend a school that is eligible to participate in the contest?**

A list of eligible schools is posted [here](#). You can also call (510) 276-4700 to find out if your school is eligible to participate.

◆ **What if I live in the Oro Loma Sanitary District but attend school outside the District?**

Sorry, only students who attend a school in the Oro Loma Sanitary District that is serviced by Waste Management for recycling are eligible to participate. Students who attend an eligible school but live outside the District *are* eligible to participate.

◆ **Is there an entry fee?**

No, entry is free to all eligible students.

◆ **How many times can I enter?**

You may only enter *once*. If a student submits more than one entry, *all* of his/her entries will be disqualified.

◆ **Can a group submit an entry?**

No. Only individual students may enter the contest.

◆ ***Do I need to submit an entry through my school?***

Oro Loma Sanitary District encourages all students in eligible schools to participate. However, students may enter on their own if their class or school is not participating.

◆ ***Can I use an image from a book or TV in my poster?***

No—entries may not contain copyrighted characters from sources such as books, movies, television, or cartoons.

◆ ***How will the posters be judged?***

Posters must show an understanding of the current rules for recycling in Oro Loma. Posters will also be judged on creativity and artistic content.

◆ ***Can my parents or teachers help me make the poster?***

All artwork must be the sole and original work of the student. Adult participation must be limited to advice only. **All entries that are not the sole and original work of the student will be disqualified.** Posters that are copied from other sources will not be considered to be original.

◆ ***Can my poster be a collage?***

Collages are permitted as long as they are the original creation of the student.

◆ ***Can I use a computer to create my poster?***

Computer generated posters are permitted as long as the images contained therein are the sole and original work of the student.

◆ ***How can I find the rules for recycling in Oro Loma?***

The rules for recycling in Oro Loma, including what is and what is not accepted for recycling, the proper way to set out recycling and trash carts, and when recycling is collected, are all explained at [here](#).

◆ ***Where can I get an entry form?***

Entry forms will be available starting January 20, 2009 at eligible schools located within the District, at the Waste Management office at 172 98th Avenue, Oakland, and at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office at 2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo. An entry form is also available [here](#) for download from and one is printed in the Oro Loma 2008-2009 calendar. Calendars are available for free at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office.

◆ ***What should I do with my entry form?***

All entry forms must be completed in full. Incomplete entries will be disqualified. If you download the entry form, or are using the one printed in the calendar, you must securely tape it to the back of your poster. Entry forms picked up at Waste Management, at Oro Loma, or at eligible schools will be preprinted on the back of the poster paper you need to use for the poster. Be sure to read the contest rules carefully before entering. If you have any questions, call (510) 276-4700.

◆ ***How big should I make my poster?***

All posters must be created on poster paper that is **EXACTLY 11" x 17"**. Posters that are not **EXACTLY 11" x 17"** will be disqualified. Poster paper with entry forms printed on the back will be available for free at the Waste Management Oakland office, at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office, and at eligible schools. You may also use your own poster paper, but it must measure *exactly* 11" x 17". If you use your own paper, you must securely tape your completed entry form to the back. You may create your poster in either landscape (horizontal) or portrait (vertical) orientation, but only posters that are in the landscape orientation can be printed in the calendar.

◆ ***If I'm a winner, will my poster be printed in the Oro Loma 2009/2010 calendar?***

To be featured on a calendar month your poster must be in a landscape (horizontal) orientation. First and second place winning posters that are in the correct orientation will be featured on each month and one will be printed on the cover. Several third and honorable mention winners may also appear on each month. All winning posters, regardless of orientation, will be printed in a small version on the back of the calendar.

◆ ***When is the contest deadline?***

The contest ends March 20, 2009.

◆ ***Where do I send my entry?***

San Lorenzo Unified school students should send their entries to Sylvia Beles, Education Services Department. All other participants should send or deliver their entries directly to Waste Management, attention Oro Loma Poster Contest, 172 98th Avenue, Oakland, California 94603-1004, or to Oro Loma Sanitary District, 2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo, California 94580.

◆ ***When will winners be announced?***

Prize winners in each grade category will be announced [here](#) on Earth Day, April 22, 2009. On May 26, 2009, an awards ceremony will be held to honor the cash prize winners. The announcement of which students have won first, second, third place, and honorable mentions within each grade category will be unveiled at this ceremony. After the awards ceremony, an updated list that shows the placement of winners will be posted. A list of Certificate of Merit winners will also be posted on the Oro Loma website.

◆ ***Can I get my poster back?***

All posters will be returned to the schools that submitted them.

◆ ***Are students required to provide anything else?***

Once a winner has been notified that his/her poster has been selected as a cash prize winner, he/she must provide a recent color wallet-sized photograph and a brief autobiography that become the property of Oro Loma Sanitary District.

◆ ***How can I get more information?***

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