



RIDE THE RECYCLE CYCLE

How far can YOU ride the Recycle Cycle?

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

Paper, glass, cans, yard waste, used motor oil and oil filters, food scraps and bundled plastic bags—all of these can be recycled curbside in Oro Loma. In how many ways do YOU recycle? How far can YOU ride the Recycle Cycle? That is the question we want students to explore in the 18th annual Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day Poster Contest.

Please read *all* the rules before entering. Entries that do not follow *all* contest rules will be disqualified. Contest rules, along with an official entry form, are printed on the back of free poster paper, which will be available starting January 17, 2012. [Contest rules are also posted online](#). Call (510) 276-4700 or email contest@oroloma.org with questions.

Free poster paper may be picked up at eligible schools, at Waste Management's Oakland office (172 98th Avenue), and at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office (2655 Grant Avenue, San Lorenzo). An [official entry form is also available for download](#).

The contest kicks off on January 17, 2012. The entry deadline is March 16, 2012. Winners will be announced on Earth Day, April 22, 2012, on this website. The specific placement of cash winners within each grade category will be unveiled at an awards ceremony on May 22, 2012.

All posters winning Kindergarten Recycling Star prizes and First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention prizes will be printed in the Oro Loma 2012-2013 calendar. All posters will be returned to the schools that submitted them. For more information, call (510) 276-4700 or email contest@oroloma.org.

ORO LOMA EARTH DAY 2012 POSTER CONTEST

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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 2012 Poster Contest.

Who is eligible?

All students in grades K-12 attending a school located in Oro Loma Sanitary District that is serviced by Waste Management for recycling are eligible to compete.

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

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

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.

What are the grade groups?

The grade groups are as follows:
K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

What are the student awards?

In the Kindergarten grade group:

Five \$100 Recycling Star Awards will be awarded. No other prizes will be awarded.

In grade groups 1-12:

First Place: \$700, Second Place: \$500, Third Place: \$300, Honorable Mention (2 awarded): \$150

Certificate of Merit

Ten \$25 Certificates of Merit will be presented in each of the 1-12 grade groups.

What are the school awards?

Matching cash school prizes will be awarded for the five Kindergarten \$100 Recycling Star Awards and for the First through Honorable Mention Awards in grade groups 1-12. *A school representative must be present at the awards ceremony to receive the matching cash prizes. If a representative is not present, or if previous arrangements have not been made, the matching prize will be forfeited.* Participation Awards of \$100 each will be awarded to schools with eligible entries that do not receive a First, Second, Third Place or Honorable Mention Award in grade groups 1-12. Checks for Participation Awards will be mailed, or they may be picked up at the Oro Loma Sanitary District office. *Checks that are lost or misplaced will not be reissued.* There are no matching prizes for Certificates of Merit.

How will the posters be judged?

All eligible entries will be judged and stamped “Reviewed and Considered.” Entries will be judged using the following criteria: (1) How well the poster expresses the theme “Ride the Recycle Cycle,” (2) Creativity, and (3) Artistic expression. Judges will consist of professional artists and representatives from Oro Loma Sanitary District and Waste Management of Alameda County.

Why are some posters disqualified?

Posters will be disqualified if they do not follow **ALL** contest rules. Only official entry forms may be used and they **MUST BE COMPLETELY** filled out. Be sure to read and understand the contest rules before you submit your posters. Review the checklist on the entry form to be sure you have followed all the rules. If you have any questions, contact contest@oroloma.org.

Can my parents or teachers help me make the poster?

All artwork must be the sole and original work of the student. This includes any wording or lettering. 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 I use an image from a book or TV in my poster?

No—entries may not contain ANY copyrighted material.

Can my poster be a collage?

Collages are permitted as long as they do not contain any copyrighted material and are the original creation of the student.

Can I use a computer to create my poster?

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

How big should I make my poster?

All posters must be created on poster paper that is EXACTLY 11" x 17". Poster paper with official 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".

Where can I get an official entry form?

Poster paper with official entry forms printed on the back will be available starting January 17, 2012 at eligible schools, 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 [official entry form is also available for download](#). *All posters must have an official entry form that is completed in full. No other entry forms will be accepted. Incomplete entry forms, or forms other than an official entry form, will be disqualified.* If you download the entry form, you must securely tape it to the back of your poster. Be sure to read the contest rules carefully before entering. Call (510) 276-4700 or email contest@oroloma.org with questions.

Where do I send my entry?

San Lorenzo Unified School District 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 is the contest deadline?

The contest ends March 16, 2012.

If I'm a winner, will my poster be printed in the Oro Loma 2012/2013 calendar?

ALL posters winning Kindergarten Recycling Stars and First, Second, Third Place and Honorable Mention awards will be printed in the calendar.

When will winners be announced?

Prize winners in each grade category will be announced on this website on Earth Day, April 22, 2012. On May 22, 2012, an awards ceremony will be held to honor the cash prize winners in grade groups 1-12 and the Recycling Star Award Kindergarten winners. The announcement of which students have won which prizes in the 1-12 grade groups will be made at this ceremony.

Can I get my poster back?

All posters will be returned to the students' schools before the end of the school year.

Are students required to provide anything else?

Once a winner has been notified that his/her poster has been selected as a K or 1-12 grade group 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. *Photos must be high resolution and may be a print or a digital file.* Email digital photos to contest@oroloma.org

How can I get more information?

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