



# earth day poster & art contest

sponsored by the Ozark Rivers Solid Waste Management District

## theme

## Recycling: *Plant A Seed And Watch It Grow*



The Ozark Rivers Solid Waste District is happy to announce a change in its annual Earth Day contest. Two contests will be offered this year:

1. The poster contest theme is "Recycling: Plant a Seed and Watch it Grow."
2. Students may now create and submit "trash art," a three-dimensional art project made entirely from recycled materials (empty cans, used paper, cereal boxes, etc). The trash art project need not adhere to the poster contest theme, allowing the student complete creativity in its construction.

### who is eligible?

In order to participate, students need to attend school or be home-schooled in one of the following counties: Crawford, Dent, Gasconade, Maries, Phelps, Pulaski or Washington. The contest is open to students in grades K-12.

### rewards

**First place** winners receive: *\$50 Savings Bond*  
**Second place** winners receive: *Earth-friendly gifts (\$15 value)*

All participants will receive a small token from the district.

### deadline

Entries should be left at the county clerk's office of your local courthouse to be picked up by the district or delivered directly to MRPC, 4 Industrial Drive, St. James before **April 1, 2006.**

\*\*If submitting more than five trash art projects, please contact the district to arrange transport.

### contest rules

- ⇒ The poster should be centered around the beneficial long-term results of recycling. The district encourages students to focus on what we as individuals, schools and communities can do to protect and enhance the environment, to show how the actions we take today affect the planet and our future. Trash art projects need not adhere to the theme, but must be constructed from recycled materials (empty soda cans, used paper, cereal boxes, etc.)
- ⇒ Posters and trash art will be judged separately, based on age groups. One first and second place winner will be chosen from each grade. Students may turn in entries for both contests.
- ⇒ Honorable mention certificates will be awarded based on judges' discretion. All decisions of the judges are final.
- ⇒ All winners and honorable mentions will receive a certificate from the district in recognition of their achievement.
- ⇒ Posters submitted to the contest will become the property of the district.
- ⇒ Winning posters and trash art projects, if reproducible, may be used in the district's public awareness and information campaigns, t-shirt designs, etc.
- ⇒ On the back of each poster entry, and on a hanging tag of each trash art project, the student **must** include the following information:
  - Student Name and Home Address
  - Grade and Age
  - School District
  - School Name
  - Teacher's Name
- ⇒ Any entry that does not have proper identification may be disqualified.
- ⇒ Posters should be no larger than 28"x22". Trash art projects should be no larger than 1'x1'x1'.
- ⇒ If submitting more than five art projects, please contact the district (573-265-2993) to arrange transport.
- ⇒ Notification of winning entries will be sent to school districts the week of April 17th.
- ⇒ Awards will be distributed in late April and early May.



### questions?

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