



OTAY WATER DISTRICT'S
"Being Water Wise is...."
STUDENT POSTER CONTEST

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

Design a poster showcasing why water is important.

Winners from each category will receive exciting prizes!

Categories: elementary, middle, and high school

Selected posters may be featured in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 2027 Student Art Calendar.



Contest Rules:

otaywater.gov/poster-contest

Questions? Contact:

esalmeron@otaywater.gov

Important:

To be eligible, your school's address must be within the Otay Water District's service area. Confirm your school's water district at otaywater.gov/water-agency-search

CONTEST RULES

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THEME & GUIDELINES

- Posters should depict the theme, "Being water wise is...", highlighting water conservation or stewardship, climate change impacts, or efficient water use at home, school, businesses, in the community, the environment, agriculture, or recreation.
- Entry form must be completed, signed, and submitted with each poster.
- Contest is limited to students in kindergarten through 12th grade who attend schools within the Otay Water District's service area. To determine a school's water agency, enter the address at otaywater.gov/water-agency-search.
- A brief water message must be included on the poster ("being water wise is..." is acceptable but not mandatory). The less text, the better. Words must be spelled correctly.
- Poster must be created horizontally (landscape orientation) on 12x18" or 8.5x11" white drawing paper (no lines).
- Use crayons, paint, markers, ink, pencils, chalk, cut paper, fabric, digital notepads, or drawing tablets. Bright colors are best.
- Artwork must be original. Traced, AI/computer-generated, trademarked, or copyrighted images will not be accepted.
- Previously submitted artwork will not be accepted.
- All entries become the property of the Otay Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Submissions may or may not be returned.
- The agencies reserve the right to use any selected artwork in the Student Art Calendar and for other public relations use.
- The agencies reserve the right to question or disqualify any artwork that is clearly not the original work of the student based on their age and grade level.

HOW TO ENTER

- Email, mail, or drop off poster and entry form by Friday, May 8, 2026, 5 p.m.
- Mail or drop off submissions to:
Attn: Eileen Salmeron
Otay Water District
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd.,
Spring Valley, CA 91978
- Email digital submissions to:
esalmeron@otaywater.gov
- **Note:** Selected digital submissions may be asked to submit the original artwork by mail or in person. Both printed and digital submissions are preferred.

PRIZES

- Submissions will be judged on the theme, originality, and visual and word clarity.
- Based on the number of submissions received, the Otay Water District may award first- and second-place winners in each category: elementary, middle, and high school.
- **Prizes:**
 - 1st Place: \$75 gift card
 - 2nd Place: \$50 gift card
 - Each winner will receive a certificate, art set, and goody bag
- Winning submissions may be featured in the Otay Water District's newsletter, social media, website, and other promotional materials.
- Parents/guardians of winners will be asked to fill out a photo release form.
- Selected submissions may advance to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's traveling art show, the 2027 student art calendar, and graphic art materials.
- Winners will be invited to a recognition ceremony.

ENTRY FORM / FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

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IMPORTANT: Please ensure names and information are clearly written and spelled correctly.
IMPORTANTE: Por favor asegúrese de que los nombres y la información estén escritos con claridad y correctamente.

Student's First Name / Nombre del estudiante

Student's Last Name / Apellido del estudiante

Student's Grade Level / Grado del estudiante

Teacher's Name / Nombre del maestro

School Name / Nombre de la escuela

Teacher's Email / Correo electrónico del maestro

School Phone Number / Número de teléfono de la escuela

School District Name / Nombre del distrito escolar

Student Artworks Rights and Approval

Any submission becomes the property of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the participating agency, and the submission may or may not be returned. Metropolitan and the participating agency have the right to use any selected poster for its "Being Water Wise Is..." calendar and promotional items, and for any other Metropolitan public relations use. This includes but is not limited to Metropolitan's web site, social media, display of the original or copies of art at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on such items as t-shirts, stickers and postcards, etc.

_____ **Yes**, I approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2027 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

_____ **No**, I do not approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2027 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

Name of student (please print)
Nombre del estudiante (por favor con letra molde)

Name of parent/guardian (please print)
Nombre del padre/tutor (por favor con letra molde)

Signature of parent/guardian
Firma del padre/tutor

Date
Fecha

Derechos del arte del estudiante y aprobación

Cualquier poster concursante se convierte en propiedad de Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) y de la agencia participante. El poster podría o no ser devuelto al dueño. Metropolitan y la agencia participante tienen el derecho de usar cualquier poster concursando en "Ser acuático es ..." calendario o para uso en cualquier tipo de relaciones públicas. Estas actividades incluyen pero no se limitan a la exhibición del poster original o su copia por la red electrónica, en eventos, o la reproducción de copias en artículos como camisetas, calcomanías y tarjetas postales.

_____ **Si**, Yo estoy de acuerdo de que el trabajo de arte de mi hijo/a sea parte del calendario 2027 de Metropolitan y de cualquier otro objeto educativo de promociones no lucrativas.

_____ **No**, No estoy de acuerdo de que el trabajo de arte de mi hijo/a sea parte del calendario 2027 de Metropolitan, ni en ningún objeto educativo de promociones no lucrativas.

Email of parent/guardian
Correo electrónico del padre/tutor

Phone number of parent/guardian
Número de teléfono del padre/tutor

Home address of parent/guardian
Direccion de casa del padre/tutor