

America Recycles Day Art Challenge

In recognition of America Recycles Day, November 15th, County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Division of Solid Waste Management invites K-12 students from across Dutchess County to take part in the America Recycles Day Art Challenge! Students can create a work of art made from recyclable materials. A winner and runner-up will be selected for each of the following age groups:

- Kindergarten – 2nd Grade
- 3rd Grade – 5th Grade
- 6th Grade – 8th Grade
- 9th Grade – 12th Grade

This challenge is open to **all** school-aged students in Dutchess County. Students may submit artwork on an individual basis or through their teacher as part of an in-school project. Artwork can be created at home or in school.

By creating art using collected recyclable material, children can contribute positively to environmental causes! This challenge is designed to teach youth about recycling so that they pay attention to their own waste generation and reimagine items they might normally throw away.

The winning artists will be recognized with a commendation from County Executive Sue Serino and the Dutchess County Legislature and have their work publicly displayed.



Why should we recycle?

Recycling is the process of taking used materials – such as plastic, aluminum, paper, cardboard or glass – and converting them into a new product. Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and/or incinerators and conserves natural resources. Natural resources are used to create new materials but when we recycle, manufacturers can reuse those materials to make their products. This protects humans and ecosystems, saves energy, reduces overall waste, and can even create job opportunities.

What are recyclable materials?



Paper



Plastics



Glass



Metals



Cardboard

How do you participate?

- **ALL** school-aged children are invited to participate! Submissions can be a project that is worked on independently at home or incorporated as a classroom project.
- Entrants must submit the enclosed registration form by October 18, 2024 to enter.
- The piece can be 2D or 3D, and students will be permitted to use non-recyclable materials such as glue, tape, paint, crayons, etc. as long as the actual art piece is from recyclable materials.
- 2D artwork must not exceed a 24 x 30 inch frame; 3D artwork must not exceed 3 x 3 ft. base and 3 ft. high.
- Entrants must provide a short description of the piece, including items that were used, what the piece is of, or represents, and a title.
- Entrants must provide a photo of the piece and include dimensions in email submission; up to 4 photos may be provided with each piece.

Pictures of finished artwork, written description, and submission form need to be submitted no later than **November 8, 2024**.

Guiding questions for the written description:

The description will be evaluated by age group. In your description, please detail all the recyclable materials used. These are suggestions; please feel free to describe the artwork in your own way.

Elementary School guiding questions might include:

- “What led you to your idea?”
- “What would have happened to the material if you weren’t doing this project?”
- “Were you surprised about how much you collected, and why?”

Middle School and High School guiding questions might include:

- “Did this give you a new perspective on recycling practices?”
- “Is there anything you find special or innovative about your use of materials?”
- “Were you surprised about how much you collected and why?”

Grading Criteria:

- **Clarity:** What is represented or shown? Is it visually translated well, even if it’s abstract?
- **Description:** How does the text reflect what is seen?
- **Creativity:** Did you use the materials in a unique way?

Grading will be adjusted to fairly assess all age groups

Participation Registration Form

Registration Deadline: October 18, 2024

Student's Full Name: _____

Grade for the 2024-25 school year: _____

School Name (if applicable): _____

Contact information of adult representative (parent/guardian, caregiver, teacher)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Key Dates:

- Registration Deadline: **October 18th**
- Submissions Accepted: **November 1st to November 8th**
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- Winners Announced: **November 15th** (America Recycles Day)

Please email or fax completed form to solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov or (845)-462-6090 by October 18, 2024.

Submission Form

(to accompany each piece of art)

Submission Deadline: November 8, 2024

Date: ___ / ___ / 2024

Student Name:

Grade for 2024-2025 School Year: _____

School Name (if applicable): _____

Name of Adult Representative (Parent/Guardian or Teacher):

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Title of Artwork:

Dimensions of Artwork:

Recyclable Materials Used:

Please email this form along with your pictures and written description to:

solidwastemgmt@dutchessny.gov

Examples:



Bottle cap mural



Carboard bird



Newspaper shoes



Paper collage