

Calling all Chatham County Students!

Are you interested in helping to teach others about keeping Chatham County's stormwater clean?

We need your help in promoting Stormwater awareness through art. Children, aged 4 to 18, living and attending schools in Chatham County are invited to submit original artwork that supports the **KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN** theme. Each submission will be reviewed and 18 entries will be selected. The winning entries will be featured in an 18-month calendar (July 2020 through December 2021).

Stormwater is a common term referring to rains that fall and flow over the ground during a storm. Stormwater flows directly off of roads, lawns, pavement, parks, and sidewalks draining directly into nearby waterways like tidal creeks, marshes, and the ocean. Stormwater should be clean. Stormwater should ONLY be the rain water that has fallen from above; however, that isn't the case.

Stormwater flows over many surfaces, collecting and carrying natural and manmade pollutants like pet waste and plastic bottles into nearby waterways. These pollutants cause harm to water quality, wildlife, humans, and the natural coastal beauty. Stormwater should be kept clean so that our beautiful coastal habitats do not become polluted.

Ready to get started?

Submissions should focus on ways we can **KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN**. Here are a few examples:

1. Clean up pet wastes to prevent bacteria from entering stormwater;
2. Plant native trees, shrubs, and flowers to avoid or reduce the use of lawn chemicals;
3. Be responsible with trash and put litter in its proper place, not on the ground;
4. Wash cars on grassy areas or at a car wash facility to keep soaps and chemicals out of stormwater;
5. Keep storm drains clean of trash, limbs, leaves, and debris;
6. Maintain vehicles to prevent oil and fluid from leaking onto the ground and polluting stormwater;
7. Volunteer with a clean-up event to remove trash and debris from our communities!

CONTEST RULES

1. All posters submitted become the property of Chatham County Department of Engineering. All rights for reproduction in all media including print, film, and/or video are assigned to the Chatham County Department of Engineering to use as deemed appropriate to further the goals of the contest.
2. One artist per submission AND one submission per artist. Submissions cannot be returned.
3. Chatham County student submissions will be evaluated by the following three age categories:
 - a. Ages 4 to 8
 - b. Ages 9 to 13
 - c. Ages 14 to 18.
4. Artwork specifications:
 - a. Submission size cannot exceed 8" X 11" – horizontal (landscape) orientation preferred;
 - b. Slogans or phrases should have NO spelling errors;
 - c. Unruled and unlined white copy paper or cardstock ONLY;
 - d. Submissions must be done freehand by the student;
 - e. Submissions may be in color OR in black & white – NO chalk, please;
 - f. Submissions must arrive flat without creases – NO firm or rigid backing;
 - g. Submissions must have a signed **Submission Detail Sheet** attached to the back of each submission;
 - h. Submissions accepted via mail or hand delivery ONLY;
 - i. Submissions deadline is February 1, 2020.
5. All submissions signed by an adult and received by February 1, 2020 will be judged by a panel of independent judges knowledgeable in the areas of storm water, water resources, and conservation.



AFTER THE CONTEST ENDS:

1. Winners will be selected by March 1, 2020 and email notifications will be sent out to the email addresses provided on the Submission Detail Sheet.
2. The 18 winning submissions will be featured for one month in the 2020-2021 Chatham County KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN calendar.
3. All participants attending the 2020 Savannah Earth Day Festival to be held on Saturday, April 18, 2020, at Daffin Park, will be recognized. So we look forward to seeing you there!

SUBMISSIONS can be mailed or delivered to:

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Chatham County Department of Engineering
124 Bull Street – Room 430
Savannah, GA 31401

Questions?? Email Stormwater@chathamcounty.org



SUBMISSION DETAIL SHEET: (Please print neatly and completely.)

Title of Artwork: _____

Student Name: _____ Age: _____

School Name: _____

Participation limited to Chatham County students enrolled in homeschool, public school, or private school.

Calendars will be delivered to students at their school.

Would you like to receive a calendar if your submission is not selected as a winning entry? _____

I agree to all rules of the KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN CALENDAR CONTEST and agree that my submission becomes the property of the Chatham County Department of Engineering and may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the organization's goal. I certify that this artwork is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.

Artist Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teacher/Parent Name: _____

Teacher/Parent Signature: _____

Teacher/Parent Email Address: _____

***Thank you for using your creativity to help teach others ways in which they can
KEEP STORMWATER CLEAN!***



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