

Recology Poster Contest 2026

Race To Zero Waste

See your
winning artwork on
Recology trucks!



WHO

All San Benito County Students! TK-12th grade.

WHAT

Please see the Rules on the back of this flyer. Poster contest themes for your respective grade level are also shown on the back.

DUE DATE

March 13, 2026! All submissions must be emailed to postercontest@recology.com and received in PDF format no later than 5 PM on March 13, 2026.

PRIZE

All qualifying artwork will be featured in an online gallery, and 15 winning posters will be enlarged and displayed on the side of Recology's collection trucks! Winners will be announced during Earth Week in April 2026. Winners will receive a certificate and a prize package.



Top to bottom: 2025 poster contest winners Eve, Aayana, and Jaxson!



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2026 STUDENT POSTER CONTEST RULES

THEMES

TK–2nd grade: Draw something that answers these questions: Show how you can reuse or recycle something instead of throwing it away. If you were in a race to make less trash, what would your superhero power be? Create a Zero Waste Mascot who helps the Earth! What does your friendly helper look like, and what does it do to win the Race to Zero Waste?

3rd–5th grade: Draw something that answers these questions: Our county is in the Race to Zero Waste—show one thing families can do at home to help us win. Draw an image of how schools can create less waste by reusing, recycling, or composting items instead of throwing them away. Design a Zero Waste Mascot for the Race to Zero Waste. Show what special powers, tools, or actions your mascot uses to help people reduce, reuse, recycle, and compost.

6th–12th grade: Draw something that answers this question: Design a visual message that inspires your school to take the lead in the Race to Zero Waste. What everyday items do you see being thrown away that could actually be reused, recycled, or composted? Create a visual message showing how to divert them.

RULES

1. Students must create original artwork, no existing clip art, computer-generated graphics/characters, or other graphics permitted.
2. Messaging: No more than six words per poster. Use bright colors and bold text. Crayons, markers colored pencils, and other art materials are allowed.
3. Only one entry per student.
4. Artwork must be in landscape format using 8.5 x 11 inch paper. Students must submit both their artwork and a completed entry form as PDFs.
5. Please submit artwork and entry form as PDF files by email to **postercontest@recology.com** no later than 5 PM on **March 13, 2026**.

POSTER CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This form must be completely filled out and submitted with artwork as PDF files no later than 5 PM, March 13, 2026 to **postercontest@recology.com**.

Any questions can be emailed to postercontest@recology.com

Student's Name: _____

School Name: _____

If homeschooled, write in "homeschooled"

Phone #: _____ Student's/Parent's Email: _____

Student's Grade Level Check One:

TK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Student T-shirt Size Check One:

XS S M L XL

I hereby certify that this poster was crafted entirely by the student above and is the student's original artwork. I agree that it may be offered for public display and/or publication during or after the contest. I understand that this poster becomes property of the County of San Benito and Recology and may be reproduced. The only information that will be released is the student's first name, school, and grade level.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____