

2014 Poster Contest

ORO LOMA/WASTE MANAGEMENT 20TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST



RECYCLING "A" THROUGH "Z"

Visit www.oroloma.org to find ways you can recycle every day and in every way.

The Oro Loma/Waste Management 20th annual Earth Day Poster Contest kicks off January 21, 2014 and ends March 21, 2014.

The theme of the 2014 contest is "Recycling A through Z." Students must show they understand recycling isn't something you just do on your recycling pickup day. Recycling is something you do every day and in every way.

Students attending schools in Oro Loma Sanitary District that are serviced by Waste Management for recycling are eligible to enter. For complete contest rules and a list of eligible schools, visit www.oroloma.org.

Grade groups and prizes are as follows:

Grade Groups: K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12

Prizes

Kindergarten

Recycling Star Awards (5) \$100

Grade Groups 1-12

First Place \$700

Second Place \$500

Third Place \$300

Honorable Mention (2) \$150

Certificates of Merit (10) \$25

The names of all winners will be posted on www.oroloma.org on Earth Day, April 22, 2014, and the exact placement of First Place through Honorable Mention winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony on May 28, 2014.

Matching prizes will be awarded to the winning students' schools for Recycling Star Awards and First, Second, Third Place, and Honorable Mention Awards. A school representative must be present at the May 28, 2014 Awards Ceremony to accept the matching prizes. No matching prizes will be awarded for Certificates of Merit.

All First, Second, Third Place, Honorable Mention and Recycling Star winners will be featured in the Oro Loma 2014-2015 calendar.

Tips for Trouble-Free Plumbing

Whatever goes down the drain in your home enters a system of sewer pipes and pumps before reaching the Oro Loma wastewater treatment facility. From there, treated wastewater is discharged into San Francisco Bay. Along the way, pipes and pumps can be clogged by grease, wipes, and other items. Although Oro Loma maintains a state-of-the-art treatment facility, no facility is able to remove all traces of chemicals and other pollutants from household products that go down the drain.

Follow these tips to prevent clogs, avoid costly repairs, and help protect the environment.

KITCHEN

1. Manually wipe grease and fatty foods from pans and dishes before washing.
2. Pour cooled grease and cooking oil into a disposable container, store it in the freezer to harden, then dispose of it in the trash.
3. Never allow these to go down the drain or garbage disposal: grease; greasy/fatty foods; fat, lard, shortening; meat drippings; frying oil; salad oil; butter, margarine; dairy products; soups and sauces; coffee grounds; produce stickers; meat; egg shells; bones; nuts.
4. Collect food scraps in your small green pail or in a cardboard milk or takeout container, then transfer the scraps to your green waste cart.

BATHROOM

1. Flush ONLY human waste and toilet paper. Put these in the trash, never in the toilet: disposable wipes; feminine hygiene products; condoms; paper towels; disposable diapers; cat waste and litter; cigarette butts; dental floss; cotton swabs; hair.
2. Prevent hair and pet fur from going down drains.
3. Never flush or pour unwanted medications down a drain. For a directory of free pharmaceutical collection sites, visit <http://www.nodrugsdownthedrain.org/NoDrugs/> and enter your zip code.

ALL DRAINS

Never pour chemicals, solvents, pesticides, paint products, or other forms of Household Hazardous Waste down any drain, inside or outside the house. Do not put them in the trash. Bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility for safe disposal. For more information, call (800) 606-6606.

DON'T FLUSH SO-CALLED "FLUSHABLE" WIPES!

Never flush disposable cleaning/disinfecting wipes, moist towels, or personal hygiene wipes—even if they are labeled as "flushable." These wipes do not break down in water and they can clog District sewer lines, lift station pumps, and wastewater treatment equipment.