



What do you think recycling will be like 40 years from now? What things do you think we should recycle that we don't now? How would you make recycling easier? How important do you think recycling will be in 2050? In the future, what things do you think may be made from recycled materials?

These are the kinds of questions we want students to consider when preparing their posters for the Oro Loma/Waste Management 2011 Poster Contest. The contest starts January 18, 2011 and ends March 18, 2011.

Significant changes have been made to the contest rules. Complete contest rules will be posted online at www.oroloma.org on January 1, 2011 and will be printed on the back of poster paper, which will be available for free at District schools, at Waste Management's Oakland office, and at the Oro Loma District office on January 18, 2011. Following is a summary of

changes to the Oro Loma/Waste Management Earth Day Poster Contest.

1. There will be seven grade groups instead of six: K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12;
2. Awards:
 - a. Five "Recycling Star Awards" of \$100 each will be awarded to Kindergarten students. The winning students' schools will receive matching prizes.
 - b. Prizes in the other six grade groups (1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12) will be awarded as follows: \$700 first prize, \$500 second prize, \$300 third prize, and two \$150 honorable mentions for each group. The winning students' schools will receive matching prizes.
 - c. Ten \$25 Certificates of Merit will be awarded in the 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 grade groups. Checks will be mailed to schools with the Certificates of Merit.
 - d. Participation awards of \$100 will be

Recycling Reminders for Students

1. Reuse assignment folders and binders from last year.
2. Sort through old school materials. Many of last year's supplies can be reused.
3. Buy smart! Purchase supplies made from recycled products.
4. Use a reusable lunch box and reusable containers instead of food storage bags.
5. Use a thermos or water bottle, instead of juice boxes.
6. If you buy lunch, take only what you need: one napkin, one ketchup packet, etc.

given to schools that do not have a first, second, third, or honorable mention cash prize winner.

3. A school representative *must* be present at the awards ceremony to receive the matching cash prize for the school.

Each year, posters are disqualified because students fail to follow contest rules or fail to understand the theme. Please be sure to read and carefully follow *all* the rules. After January 1, 2011, you can go to www.oroloma.org to see a video clip demonstrating how to prepare your entry. If you have questions, call the District at



Report Card to Our Customers—Fiscal Year 2009-2010

| Subject | Accomplishment | Grade |
|------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Sewer Service Rates | Lowest in California! 61% less than the average for Alameda County | A+ |
| Garbage & Recycling Rates | Among lowest in Alameda County—25% less than the average | A+ |
| Fiscal responsibility | Zero debt; all bonds paid | A+ |
| Regulatory Compliance | No effluent permit violations in 6 years | A+ |
| Safety record | No lost time injuries in 2.5 years | A+ |
| Energy Efficiency & Sustainability | Purchased 0.5M kW from PG&E in 2009, 76% less than in 2007; initiated restaurant grease receiving facility to increase gas production and displace use of fossil fuels | A+ |
| Sewer Overflows | One per 100 miles, 83% less than industry average | A+ |
| Public Information | Comprehensive, informative newsletters and website, www.oroloma.org | A+ |
| Public Outreach | Schools program—annual Earth Day Poster Contest and recycling calendar | A+ |
| Financial Reporting | Winner of Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of USA and Canada Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting | A+ |
| OVERALL GRADE | Reported by Jason Warner, General Manager | A+ |