

Winners of the Oro Loma/ Waste Management 2013 Poster Contest Announced April 22

IT'S YOUR BAY



KEEP IT CLEAN

The deadline for the Oro Loma/Waste Management 2013 Poster Contest was March 22, 2013. All the posters have been received and the judging is complete. Winners of the contest will be announced on Earth Day, April 22. The theme of the 2013 poster contest was "It's Your Bay—Keep It Clean."

Students were asked to show what they can do to keep the Bay clean, including how to help prevent sewer overflows by not flushing items down the toilet that should instead be discarded in the trash. Almost 2,500 students attending grades K-12 in Oro Loma submitted posters.

Prize categories in this, the District's 19th annual poster contest, include a Recycling Star Kindergarten group in which five students will win \$100 each. Cash prizes of \$700 for First Place, \$500 for Second Place, \$300 for Third Place, and \$150 for Honorable Mention (two) will also be awarded in six grade groups from first to twelfth grades. Matching cash prizes will be awarded to the winning students' schools. Schools that submitted eligible entries but had no winners receive \$100 Participation Awards. Ten Certificate of Merit winners in the six 1-12 grade groups will receive \$25 each.

Although students who won a First through Honorable Mention prize will know on April 22 that they won a prize, they will not know until the awards ceremony on May 28 which prize they won. Certificate of Merit recipients will know on April 22 that they won that prize.

A list of winners, including Certificate of Merit recipients, will be posted on the District's website, www.oroeloma.org, on April 22. After the awards ceremony, a complete list of winners and prizes will be posted, along with links to the posters.

Helpful Reminders

Don't forget to bring your bag!

- Get in the habit of bringing your own bags when you go to the store.
- Keep reusable bags in your car to use when you go shopping.
- Store bags near the front door, the door to the garage, or wherever you keep your grocery list.

Or **BRING YOUR OWN** reusable bags to the store.

READY ★ SET, RECYCLE

Keep recyclables out of your trash and you could win a gift card from Peet's Coffee, Jamba Juice, Safeway and more.

Contest Rules:

- Keep all recyclables and organics out of the garbage cart.
- Set your carts at the curb on your pick-up day.
- Garbage carts from single family homes in Alameda County will be selected and checked at random.
- The households with randomly selected garbage carts that contain less than 10% (by weight) of compostable and recyclable material will be eligible to win a \$50 gift card.
- A customer may decline to participate in the contest, which means that the customer's solid waste and recycling carts will not be checked during the contest for proper sorting of recyclables and organics. To decline, go to www.readysetrecyclecontest.org/opt-out-form/ and complete the opt out form. For more information please visit: www.readysetrecyclecontest.org/faq/.



Mandatory Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Deadline

With the passage of AB341, commercial enterprises and public entities that generate four or more cubic yards of garbage per week, and multi-family housing complexes with five or more units are required to adopt recycling practices. The state law went into effect on July 1, 2012.

While many businesses and housing complexes have already complied with the new regulations, some have not. All businesses and housing units covered under this law must have a recycling program in place by June 30, 2013. Waste Management can provide customers with free waste and recycling assessments to meet their needs and bring them into compliance. To set up a waste and recycling assessment appointment for your business or multi-family housing complex, call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710.