



Living in Ventura County, we share a special connection to our watersheds. Our watersheds are our hills, orchards, fields, creeks, cities, and neighborhoods. When it rains, water runs over the land and collects litter, waste and chemicals entering our storm drains. Pollution travels through storm drains untreated to the Ventura and Santa Clara Rivers, Malibu and Calleguas Creeks, the arroyos, estuaries and beaches – and eventually into the Pacific Ocean. Protecting our waters starts in our watersheds!

Here's what we can do to help keep our watersheds and ocean stay clean:

- Take action! Watersheds and the ocean belong to everybody, so it is everyone's responsibility to protect them from pollution.
- Always do your part to keep our watersheds and ocean clean! Use eco-friendly yard chemicals, pick up after your pets, and pick up litter when you see it.

Poster Contest

To enter the poster contest, draw a picture with a message about how we can keep our watersheds and ocean pollution-free and healthy. Be creative!

Contest winners will have their artwork displayed so they can share their message with the community. Display locations vary throughout the county, but may include city hall, transit centers, trash cans, and public libraries.

Who Can Enter?

The contest is open to students in grades 2 – 5 who reside in County of Ventura and the incorporated cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Ojai, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, Ventura, Santa Paula, Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks.

Entry Rules and Guidelines

Artwork must be hand drawn on an 8 x 11 white sheet of paper, in landscape or portrait orientation. No construction paper or colored paper. Artwork in color is encouraged. Artwork must be original and created 100% by the student contestant. Artwork must not contain copyrighted text or characters. All entries must be submitted by an adult. Winners will be contacted directly and announced on the contest webpage.



Submit artwork in a flat sturdy envelope. Folded, rolled, or stapled artwork is not encouraged. Please do not mail in flash discs or drives. Write the contestant's name, in pencil, on the back of the artwork. Mailed entries must be received by the entry deadline. Submit artwork and completed entry form to:

Attn: Lara Shellenbarger
Ventura County Watershed Protection District
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009-1610

All entries become property of the Ventura County Stormwater Quality Management Program and Ventura County's Community for a Clean Watershed program

Student's First and Last Name: _____

School or Organization: _____

Grade at Time of Entry: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Submitted by [Adult Name]: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____