



Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department 18th Annual Every Drop Counts Children's Poster Contest

Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department presents the **'Every Drop Counts'** Children's Poster Contest! The contest is part of the Children's Education Campaign adopted by the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners through Resolution 89-09. The contest is open to all Miami-Dade County elementary school students from kindergarten through fifth grade.

WHO: Elementary school students grades K - 5 located in Miami-Dade County

WHAT: 18th Annual Every Drop Counts Poster Contest. The theme is: **"Use Water Wisely, Don't Waste It!"**

WHEN: Deadline for poster submittal is Friday, February 6, 2026

WHERE: Obtain forms @ www.miamidade.gov/waterconservation, email: waterconservation@miamidade.gov or by calling the Water Use Efficiency Section at 786-552-8974

PRIZES: Thirteen first place winners, one from each County Commission District, will receive prizes and be recognized at a Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners meeting in April 2026.

What are the contest rules?



- Artwork must be original! Students are invited to use their talents to illustrate the importance of conserving water. Posters will be judged on creativity, relevance to theme, legibility, and adherence to guidelines. Posters containing computer-generated graphic, photographs, collages, 3-D artwork or trademarked art will be disqualified;
- Artwork must be drawn horizontally (landscape) on 11"x17" or smaller white poster paper only. **Any entry that exceeds these dimensions will be disqualified;**
- Students can use crayons, watercolors, poster paint, colored pencils, or magic markers to create the artwork. Reflective materials, i.e. glitter, gold stars, cotton balls, straw, magazine pictures or fabric glued to the art are prohibited and will result in disqualification;
- Must depict the 2026 theme **"Use Water Wisely, Don't Waste It!"**
- All entries must contain an official entry form. Part I is filled out by the **Teacher** and Part II is filled out, signed and dated by the student's **Parent** or **Guardian**. The completed entry form must be securely taped to the back of the poster, with student name and school information facing outward;
- Artwork should not be folded when mailed/submitted;
- **Any form not signed by the Parent/Guardian will be disqualified;**
- **Posters submitted are NOT returned!**

How do I enter?

Fill out the entry form on the reverse side and submit to the address listed at bottom of page

Remember to securely attach the completed entry form to the back of the poster using tape with student name and school information facing outward.

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 6, 2026

PART I: TEACHER - PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY (SCHOOL INFORMATION)

School Name (print clearly) _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Teacher Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Teacher's E-mail Address: _____

PART II: PARENT - PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Student Name (print clearly) _____

Address: _____ Unit _____

Zip Code: _____ Grade: _____ Age: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name (print clearly) _____ Phone _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ * Date _____

****By signing you are allowing Miami-Dade County and Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Department to utilize the poster for educational or promotional purposes and acknowledge that all entries become the property of Miami-Dade County and will NOT be returned. Additionally, by signing you hereby grant the right to use, reuse, publish, and republish photographs of the listed child in whole or in part, individually or in connection with other material, in any and all media now or hereafter known, including the internet, and for educational and/or promotional purpose, without restriction.***

Poster Contest Rules:

Any poster not following these guidelines will be disqualified.

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- Artwork must be drawn horizontally (landscape) on 11x17" or smaller white poster paper only. Any entry that exceeds these dimensions will be disqualified.
- Students may use crayons, watercolors, poster paint, colored pencils, or magic markers to create the artwork.
- The entry must depict the theme of ***"Use Water Wisely, Don't Waste It!"***
- All entries must contain an official entry form. Part I must be filled out by the Teacher and Part II filled out, signed and dated by the Parent or Guardian. Secure the completed entry form to the back of the poster using tape, with student name and school information facing outward.
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All entries should be delivered or mailed to:

Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department
Water Use Efficiency Section
3071 SW 38 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33146
Attention: Allen Zepeda