

# News Release



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## Students Asked to Submit Artwork for Earth Day 2015 Contest

16<sup>th</sup> Annual Charleston County Earth Day Festival scheduled for Saturday, April 18, at Riverfront Park in North Charleston

[Charleston County Government's Environmental Management Department](#) is once again asking students in kindergarten through 12th grade to submit artwork for the 2015 Charleston County [Earth Day Festival](#) design contest. **Please note that this year's art contest has been extended to include grades 7-12.** The deadline to submit artwork is **4 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.**

The theme this year is "*Protect Our Planet, Conserve Resources.*"

"My objective this year is for students to think about the resources our planet provides and to creatively express how to best conserve these resources for future generations," says Bronwyn Santos, Charleston County Environmental Management Department's Greening Schools Representative.

The grand prize winning artwork will be printed on the official festival t-shirts, as well as framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 18th, at [Riverfront Park in North Charleston](#).

### Contest submission rules

- Entries must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.
- The image should convey the theme of the Earth Day Festival - "*Protect Our Planet, Conserve Resources.*"
- Students must be residents of Charleston County and must be in kindergarten through 12th grade.
- Only one entry can be submitted per student.
- Entries can be mailed or hand-delivered to the Charleston County Recycling Center  
Attn: Bronwyn Santos, 13 Romney Street, Charleston, SC 29403
- Submissions to the contest will become the property of Charleston County's Environmental Management Department.

### Entry Specifications

- The art must be the student's original work.
- The two-dimensional image should not be larger than 8½ inches x 11 inches in size. Artwork can be in color or black and white.
- Students must attach a sheet of paper to their work listing their name; home address/city/state/zip; student's phone number; student/parent email; school name; teacher's name; teacher's email; student's grade level; and student's age. Students must provide all information requested to be eligible to win.
- First, second, and third place winners from each grade level category (K-6 and 7-12) will be recognized. A separate grand prize winner will have his or her artwork printed on the official festival t-shirt and will have their artwork framed and presented at the Charleston County Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 18th, at [Riverfront Park in North Charleston](#).

- For the K-6 grade level category, the first place winner will receive a \$75 gift card from Wonder Works; the second place winner will receive a \$50 gift card from Wonder Works; and the third place winner will receive a \$25 gift card from Wonder Works. For the 7-12 grade level category, the first place winner will receive a \$75 Visa gift card; the second place winner will receive a \$50 Visa gift card; and the third place winner will receive a \$25 Visa gift card.
- The grand prize winner will receive a \$100 gift card from Wonder Works (grades K-6) OR a \$100 Visa gift card (grades 7-12). The grand prize winner's artwork will serve as the design for the official festival T-shirt, which will be sold at the event.
- Artwork from all winners will be displayed at the Earth Day Festival.

Charleston County's 2015 Earth Day Festival will be held on Saturday, April 18. The National Earth Day will be observed on Wednesday, April 22. Earth Day was established as a national holiday in 1970, and is now celebrated by over a half-billion people around the world.

For more information about this year's Charleston County Earth Day Festival or the art contest, visit the Charleston County website at [recycle.charlestoncounty.org](http://recycle.charlestoncounty.org) to download the [contest entry form](#) or call [Charleston County's Environmental Management Department](#) at (843) 720-7111.

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