



OTAY WATER DISTRICT'S *"Being Water Wise is...."* STUDENT POSTER CONTEST

Design a poster showcasing why water is important. Winners from each category (**elementary, middle, and high school**) will receive exciting prizes. Selected posters may be featured in the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's 2026 student art calendar.

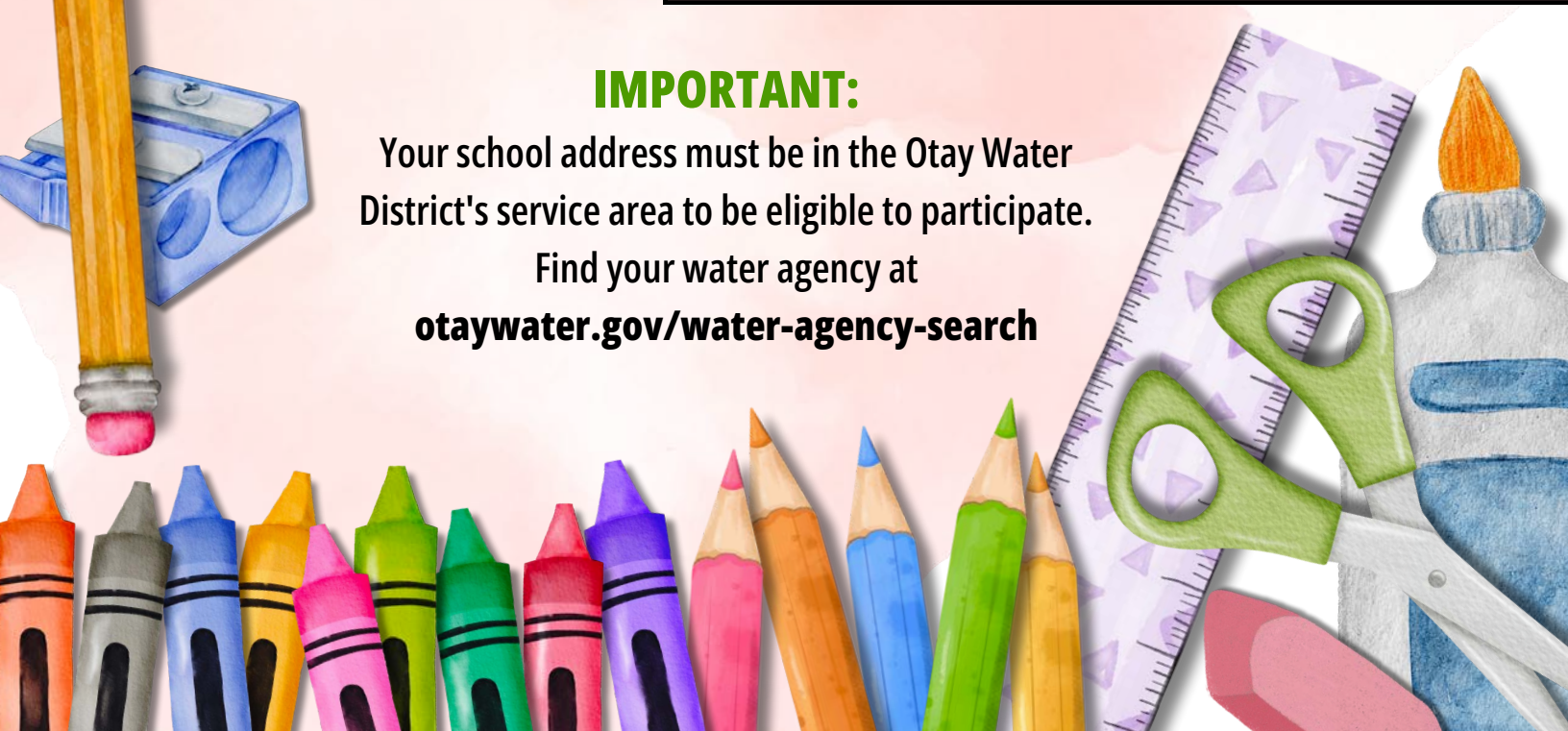
Contest Rules: otaywater.gov/poster-contest
Questions? Contact: esalmeron@otaywater.gov

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

IMPORTANT:

Your school address must be in the Otay Water District's service area to be eligible to participate.

Find your water agency at
otaywater.gov/water-agency-search



THEME & GUIDELINES

- Posters should depict the theme, "Being water wise is...", which relates to using water efficiently inside and outside the home, school, business, community, environment, and agriculture.
- The entry form must be completed, signed, and submitted with each poster.
- Contest is limited to students in grades kindergarten through 12 attending schools in the Otay Water District's service area. To find your water agency, enter your address in the search tool at otaywater.gov/water-agency-search.
- All entries become the property of the Otay Water District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. Submissions may or may not be returned. The agencies have the right to use any selected poster for the Student Art Calendar and other public relations use.
- The district reserve the right to question or disqualify any artwork that is clearly not the work of the student based on their age and grade level.

ART SELECTION CRITERIA

- Water conservation or stewardship should be reflected in the artwork, i.e., turning off the water while brushing your teeth, taking short showers, protecting water from pollution, or collecting rainwater in buckets and reusing it to water plants.
- A brief water message must be written on the artwork ("being water wise is..." is acceptable but not mandatory). The less text, the better. Words must be spelled correctly.
- Artwork must be drawn horizontally (landscape orientation) on 12x18" or 8.5x11" white drawing paper (no lines).
- Use crayons, paint, markers, ink, pencils, chalk, cut paper, fabric, digital notepads, or drawing tablets. Bright colors are best.
- Artwork must be original. No computer-generated, trademarked, or copyrighted images (i.e., SpongeBob, Dora the Explorer). No repeat artwork from past years.

HOW TO SUBMIT

- Submit poster and entry form (postmark or drop off) by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2025, to:

**Eileen Salmeron
Otay Water District
2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd., Spring Valley, CA 91978**

- To submit digitally, email esalmeron@otaywater.gov.

PRIZES

- Artwork will be judged based on the theme, originality, and visual and word clarity. The Otay Water District will select first- and second-place winners from each category: elementary, middle, and high school. Prizes include:

1st place: \$75 gift card, certificate, art set, and goody bag

2nd place: \$50 gift card, certificate, art set, and goody bag

- Winning posters will be featured in the Otay Water District's newsletter, social media, website, and other promotional materials. Winners' parents/guardians will be asked to fill out a photo release form. Through further competition, selected posters may be used in the Metropolitan Water District's traveling art show, the 2026 student art calendar, and graphic art materials. Winners will be invited to a recognition ceremony.

ENTRY FORM / FORMA DE INSCRIPCIÓN

IMPORTANT: Please ensure names and information are clearly written and spelled correctly.

IMPORTANTE: Por favor asegúrese de que los nombres y la información estén escritos con claridad y correctamente.

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METROPOLITANO DE AGUA**

Submitting Agency: Otay Water District,
Eileen Salmeron
MWD Member Agency: San Diego County Water Authority,
Mike Lee

Student's First Name / Nombre del estudiante

Student's Last Name / Apellido del estudiante

Teacher's Name / Nombre del maestro

Grade Level / Grado

School Name / Nombre de la escuela

Teacher's Email / Correo electrónico del maestro

School District Name / Nombre del distrito escolar

School Phone Number / Número de teléfono de la escuela

Student Artworks Rights / Approval

Any submission becomes the property of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the participating agency, and the submission may or may not be returned. Metropolitan and the participating agency have the right to use any selected poster for its "Being Water Wise Is..." calendar and promotional items, and for any other Metropolitan public relations use. This includes but is not limited to Metropolitan's web site, social media, display of the original or copies of art at exhibit events and reproduction of copies on such items as t-shirts, stickers and postcards, etc.

_____ **Yes,** I approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2026 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

_____ **No,** I do not approve of my child's artwork being featured in the Metropolitan 2026 calendar and on any non-profitable promotional education items.

Derechos del arte del estudiante y aprobación

Cualquier poster concursante se convierte en propiedad de Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) y de la agencia participante. El poster podría o no ser devuelto al dueño. Metropolitan y la agencia participante tienen el derecho de usar cualquier poster concursando en "Ser acuático es ..." calendario o para uso en cualquier tipo de relaciones públicas. Estas actividades incluyen pero no se limitan a la exhibición del poster original o su copia por la red electrónica, en eventos, o la reproducción de copias en artículos como camisetas, calcomanías y tarjetas postales.

_____ **Si,** Yo estoy de acuerdo de que el trabajo de arte de mi hijo/a sea parte del calendario 2026 de Metropolitan y de cualquier otro objeto educativo de promociones no lucrativas.

_____ **No,** No estoy de acuerdo de que el trabajo de arte de mi hijo/a sea parte del calendario 2026 de Metropolitan, ni en ningún objeto educativo de promociones no lucrativas.

Name of student (please print) / Nombre del estudiante (por favor con letra molde)

Name of parent/guardian (please print)

Nombre del padre/tutor (por favor con letra molde)

Phone number

Número de teléfono

Email

Correo electrónico

Home address of parent/guardian / Direccion de casa del padre/tutor

Signature of parent/guardian / Firma del padre/tutor

Date / Fecha