



Theme: True Blue Water Conservation, 40th Art Contest

It's the 40th year of the art contest! Welcome to this exciting opportunity for students to show their artistic talents, win prizes and to make their school and family proud! You probably save water every day, and this program, celebrating Drinking Water Week on May 4-10, 2025, will help encourage all of us to do even more.

WHO: Students in **Grades 6-8** residing in Dallas city limits.

WHAT: 2025 T-Shirt Contest Theme: True Blue Water Conservation, 40th Art Contest

PRIZES: There will be three (3) winners and the 1st Place winning image will be featured on a City of Dallas t-shirt. In addition to the prizes below and a pizza party for the entire class, all winners and their families will be invited to a reception at Dallas City Hall.

Student Winners	Prizes*	Class Pizza Party
1 st Place Winner	Acer® Chromebook	Included
2 nd Place Winner	Beats by Dr. Dre® Earbuds	Included
3 rd Place Winner	Wacom™ Creative Pen Tablet	Included
Teacher/Team Leader	Art Supply Vouchers	
1 st Place Winning student	\$200	Included
2 nd Place Winning student	\$100	Included
3 rd Place Winning student	\$50	Included

*The item or voucher amount can be replaced by the City of Dallas with a different item or value in any given year.

WHEN: Artwork and entry forms are due **by 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025**. Winners will be announced in April 2025, and a complete list of the finalists will be available on SaveDallasWater.com in April. A reception for winners, their teachers and families will be held May 8, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Dallas City Hall.

Artwork with entry form attached can be **hand delivered or mailed to:**

2025 Water Conservation Art Contests
City of Dallas OEQS Water Conservation Division
1500 Marilla Street, Room 2AN
Dallas, TX 75201
ATTN: Education Coordinator

HOW: See Entry Rules on page 2 for additional information.



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T-Shirt Contest Entry Rules

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THE ENTRY FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH EACH ENTRY!

This friendly competition is open to any student enrolled in the 6th-8th grades living in the City of Dallas. Your entry into the contest constitutes your agreement to allow your artwork, your name, school name, and grade to be published as a winner, or used on Web sites or in printed and promotional materials owned and/or produced by the City of Dallas and its departments. The artwork will be used for promotion of the 2025 Water Conservation Art Contest and future art contests. Please ensure it is family-friendly content.

Entries must be postmarked or received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 4, 2025. Entries must be separated and labeled by grade and teacher/team leader. Artwork must be flat – do not roll or fold. Entries may be mailed or delivered to:

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Artwork must recognize the importance of saving water. (Examples on page 3) Artwork will be judged on creativity, relevance, legibility, and adherence to guidelines:

- **Creativity:** Artwork should reflect the student's appreciation of the importance of water and illustrate a water conservation method or concept.
- **Relevance:** The idea for the artwork relates to our 2025 **theme** and must include at minimum the 40th in the artwork: True Blue Water Conservation, 40th Art Contest.
- **Legibility:** The artwork is readable and easily understood.
- **Adherence to Guidelines:** The entry must be submitted on white or off-white background paper and is at least 8 ½" x 11" with a maximum size of 36" x 36". (Notebook or graph paper may not be used.) The student may use water or tempera paint, crayon, ink, charcoal, pastel, etc. Reflective materials such as glitter or gold stars or items such as cotton balls, straw, magazine pictures or fabric glued to the art are prohibited and will result in disqualification.

Each entry must be the work of one (1) student. The concept, design and artwork must be the original work of the student entering. If the judges determine that someone other than the student has assisted in the creation of the poster, the entry will be disqualified. Winners are selected at the discretion of the judging panel.



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Water Conservation Tips

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True blue water is our most precious resource and water conservation is the key to keeping it flowing from faucets and hydrants. The oceans would not exist if there had not been the first drop of water. Wind in a sail provides travel on waterways. Waterfalls produce electricity through hydroelectricity. People need to drink water every day to be healthy! Without water, we would not have colorful textiles, clean homes or nourishing food. Together, we can keep true blue water available for all of us and the entire planet.

1. Water covers 71% of our planet but there is only 1% available fresh water for drinking and use at home, at school, for work, and at play!
2. The drop of water falling on your head as rain may have been the same water a dinosaur drank. It's all the same water cycle!
3. Take shorter showers – five minutes or less. Try to save even more by turning the water on to get wet then turn it off to lather up and finally turn it back on to rinse off.
4. Think about other ways to use water before letting it go down the drain. After it cools, water plants with pasta water or the water used to boil eggs or potatoes! Find healthy ways to reuse water.
5. Avoid water toys that need a constant stream of water.
6. Only run the dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.
7. Watch for leaky faucets and learn how to help your mom or dad fix them. Did you know that it can waste 25-27 gallons of water a day?
8. Ask your parents to install a water-saving shower head. In addition to the water it saves, it also saves the fuel that would have been used to heat up the extra hot water, saving your family money and it helps reduce pollution.
9. Do not let the water run when you wash dishes.
10. Do not let the water run when brushing your teeth. Wet your toothbrush and turn off the water, brush your teeth, turn the water on to rinse then turn it off! Or fill a cup with water.
11. In Dallas, water twice weekly or less! Become friends with your sprinkler system and controller, learn how to use it. Too much water causes grass and plants to have shallow roots which can make them unhealthy.
12. Try to do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.

