

Art Contest for 2027 Environmental Calendar

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked no later than May 1, 2026

Recycling, composting, and keeping litter in its place are among the many ways we keep Nebraska clean. Put your artistic talents to good use by submitting a drawing for the 2027 “Nebraska: Don’t Waste It!” calendar. The calendar, sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, will feature the artwork for students from grades K-12. We’re looking for drawings that demonstrate the importance of good environmental practices and tips on reducing waste, recycling and protecting Nebraska’s air, land and water. The front cover and each month of the calendar will feature one of the 13 winning environmental posters.

If your artwork is chosen for the calendar, you will:

- Have your artwork, name and school’s name featured on a page of the calendar;
- Be invited to an awards presentation at the State Capitol in Lincoln;
- Receive copies of the calendar to share with family and friends; and
- Help educate others about how to protect our environment.

Contest Guidelines

All Nebraska students in grades K-12 are eligible to submit their artwork. One piece of student art will be featured each month. The grand prize winner’s work will be featured on the cover.

Theme — Create a drawing or painting that shows how we can keep Nebraska clean by recycling, composting, properly disposing of household hazardous waste (like old paint and cleaning products), cleaning up litter, and any other activity that will keep our air, land and water clean.

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Artwork — Submit all artwork on 8 ½ x 11 unlined white paper in a landscape, or horizontal, orientation. Fill out the label included in this form and attach to the back of your artwork. Please use tape (no staples or glue) to attach the label. Each piece of artwork must have a label! Mail your artwork flat — do not fold. Entries become the property of DWEE and will not be returned. Artwork may be used for promotional purposes.

Media — Markers, watercolors, tempera, oils, crayons, chalk, acrylic, or colored pencils (no pen and ink, please).

To view the winning entries from the 2026 calendar, entry forms and related information, visit our web site’s calendar contest page at: <https://dee.nebraska.gov/news-events/ndee-nebraska-dont-waste-it-calendar-contest-information>.

Mail all entries to:

DWEE Calendar Contest
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Lincoln, NE 68521

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***Entry forms are included in this letter**