

Love Water, Save Water

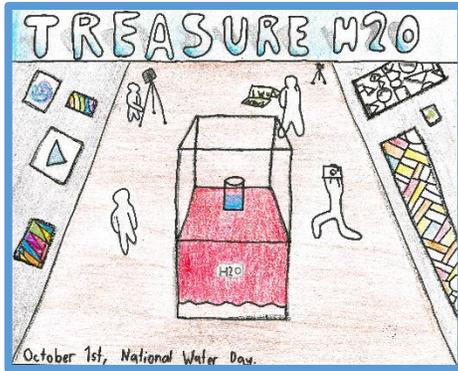
2026 Water Awareness Poster Contest



The Contest

City of Escondido welcomes 4th grade students to participate in the “Love Water, Save Water” drawing contest. The annual event lets students show the value of our water resources through creative and original artwork.

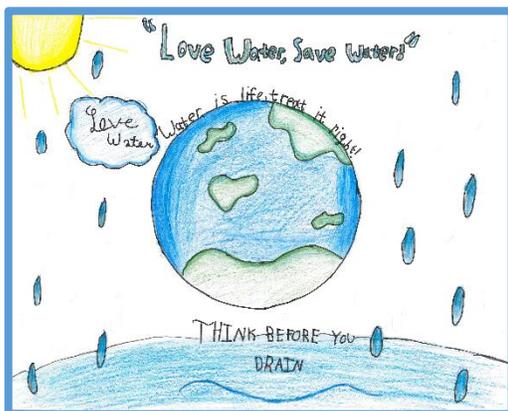
The deadline to submit entries is **April 10, 2026!**



The top 12 artists will receive fun prizes and recognition at a spring Escondido City Council meeting. In addition, the top three drawings will be published in a 2027 student calendar along with the winning artwork of other North County students.

What Can I Draw?

- Ways you love water at home or at school.
- Ways you save water so there's enough for all living things.
- Imaginative new ways others may love to save or recycle water for the future.
- Ways you love to prevent water pollution.
- Ways our ancestors may have loved to saved water.



Tips

- No mixed media; drawings only; use bright, bold colors
- Be original; no copyrighted or trademarked characters
- Keep words to a minimum
- Check your spelling
- Fill the page

See reverse side for more contest details.



Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest

Theme: Love Water, Save Water

Eligibility:

The contest is open to students currently enrolled in the fourth (4th) grade at any Escondido public or private school or in a homeschool setting, within the Escondido water district. Proof of school registration, and/or home address may be required.

Poster Specifications:

Students must create their own illustration on the official entry form. Entry forms are provided, but more can be requested by emailing Emma.Potratz@Escondido.gov or calling 760-839-4071. One entry per student. Drawings found to be copied from other artists, or drawings that contain copyrighted and trademarked characters will be disqualified.

The poster may be illustrated using any combination: marking pens, colored pencils acrylic paint, water colors, and crayons. Avoid using fluorescent paints or highlighters. Posters done in only lead pencils, ball point pens or computer-generated art will not be accepted.

Encourage students to use bright, bold colors to depict a clear message around the theme, "Love Water, Save Water." **Words, if used, should be printed large and kept to a minimum.** Check your spelling!

To the Teacher :

Make sure all the information on the **back** of their poster entry form is legible and complete. Indicate "City of Escondido" under the water agency name.

Deadline:

Teachers must submit their entries to the front desk of their school or to Escondido City Hall Engineering counter no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026**. To request a school pickup, please email Emma.Potratz@Escondido.gov.

Judging:

Posters will be judged on the following: best expression of the theme, poster design, creativity, and artistic skill. Posters will be judged by City staff from various departments.

Recognition:

All 12 finalists, will be recognized at a City Council meeting. The finalists and their teachers will receive prizes. The top three winning posters will be published in the 2027 student calendar along with the winning artwork of other students in North County water districts. Calendars will be mailed to the top three finalists in December 2026 to the mailing address indicated on the student's official entry form.

The posters of all 12 finalists will be displayed on the City's website and social media platforms.

Contact:

For additional information contact our water education specialist, Emma Potratz at Emma.Potratz@Escondido.gov or 760-839-4071.