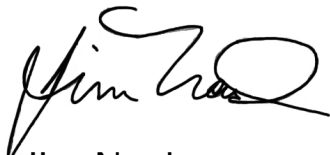




Howdy 4th and 5th Graders of Oakland County,

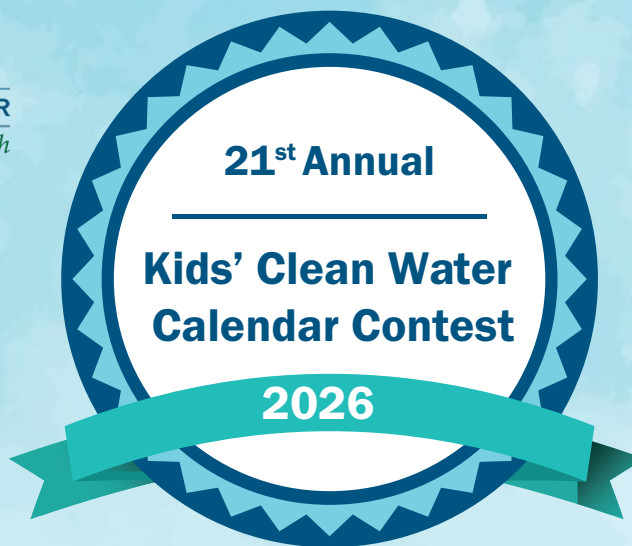
My office and Pure Oakland Water are teaming up to host the 21st Annual Kids' Clean Water Calendar Contest and we need your creativity! This year's artwork theme is, "We Can All Help to Keep Oakland County's Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Clean!" Submit your drawing for a chance to have your artwork featured in our 2026 calendar, in which more than 5,000 copies will be distributed across Oakland County! Awardees will also be featured on our website. For artwork requirements, drawing topics, and submission details, visit OakGov.com/CalendarContest. I'm looking forward to seeing your art and its impact!

Thank you,



Jim Nash





Official Contest Rules

Participants must be 4th or 5th grade students within Oakland County. Winners will be notified in November. Calendars will be provided to all entrants and more than 5,000 copies will be printed and distributed throughout Oakland County and beyond! The calendar will feature the work of 24 artists.

To view last year's artwork or for inspiration visit oakgov.com/calendarcontest.

Artwork Theme

We Can All Help to Keep Oakland County's Lakes, Rivers, Streams and Watersheds Clean!

Artwork Requirements

- Use 11" x 8.5" letter-sized white paper in LANDSCAPE format
- Bold colors and lines show up best using crayons, markers, ink, watercolors, poster paint, etc.
- Students must work on drawings individually
- Do not mount, frame, fold or roll drawings
- Artwork becomes the property of our office and will not be returned.

Drawing Topics May Include

- Plant rain gardens and trees to help soak up rain.
- Use rain barrels to collect water for watering plants.
- Rain that falls on streets runs into rivers and lakes — and brings trash with it!
- Don't litter. Always pick up after pets.
- Never flush "flushable" wipes. They can clog pipes and cause big messes!
- Save water at home and school.
- Turn off the tap when brushing your teeth.
- Plant native flowers to help bees and butterflies.
- Don't pour grease or oil down the drain. It can block pipes and hurt the water system.
- Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Protecting the planet starts with YOU!

Deadline For Entries

Friday, October 3, 2025

Mail entries to:

Oakland County Water Resources

Commissioner's office

Attn: Calendar Contest

One Public Works Drive, Bldg 95 West

Waterford, MI 48328

Questions? Contact Jacy Garrison at 248-858-5264 or CalendarContest@OakGov.com

2026 Calendar Contest Entry Form — Please Include the information below on the back of the drawing

Student's First and Last Name: _____ Grade: 4th or 5th (circle one)

School or Home Mailing Address: _____

School and Teacher Name/Parent or Guardian Name: _____

Teacher or Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Teacher Phone or Home Phone: _____