

## Green City, Clean Waters

Philadelphia is a densely populated city, more than 65% of which is covered by roofs and paved surfaces (roads, sidewalks, parking lots, etc.). All of that pavement can cause big problems for our local streams and rivers. When rain or melting snow washes over the land, it carries with it pollutants such as oil from leaking cars, pet waste, and litter. This polluted rainwater, or stormwater runoff, flows into storm drains, and then into the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers.

Replacing or covering paved surfaces with plants (green roofs, rain gardens, planter boxes, etc.), or creating places where rainwater can be stored for a little while (rain barrels, porous pavers, etc.), can reduce the amount of pollutants being washed into Philadelphia's rivers, helping to make Philadelphia a greener city with cleaner waters.



### YO STUDENTS! NEED INSPIRATION FOR THE CONTEST?

The next time it's raining, ask an adult to take you outside. Follow the path of the water from your house or school and see where it takes you! What color is the water? Do you see anything being carried in it? Where did the water end up? Enjoy your wet and wild adventure!



## Help Keep Philadelphia's Water Clean

**Service your car regularly** to prevent oils and other fluids from leaking onto the pavement and washing into storm drains. Move your car during scheduled street-cleaning days. Recycle motor oil and antifreeze at participating local service stations. Call 215-685-6300 (Philadelphia Water Department) to get a list of stations.



**Choose water-based paints** and wash brushes in your sink with water. Reuse and recycle paint thinner, which is a hazardous material. Do not pour it down your drain or into a storm drain.



**Bag or compost leaves** and other yard waste. Don't allow leaves to collect in the street.



**Minimize the use of toxic substances** such as mothballs, drain and oven cleaners, and insect sprays. Substitute with products that use natural ingredients whenever possible.



**Put dog waste in the toilet or trash can**, not in the street or down a storm drain. Dog waste introduces disease-causing bacteria into our water supply.



**Keep litter off the street.** Put trash in trash cans and clean up litter so it doesn't wash into storm drains and end up in our streams.



**Be sure to visit these websites for more information on making Philadelphia a greener city with cleaner waters:**

[www.phillywatersheds.org](http://www.phillywatersheds.org)  
[www.FairmountWaterWorks.org](http://www.FairmountWaterWorks.org)  
[www.DelawareEstuary.org](http://www.DelawareEstuary.org)

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## Contest Rules

### WHO CAN ENTER?

This contest is open to all students in grades K-12 that attend public, private, or home schools within the City of Philadelphia. Only one entry per student.

### HOW DO YOU ENTER?

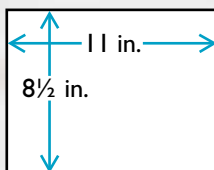
From green roofs to rain barrels, there are many things we can all do to help keep stormwater runoff out of Philadelphia's rivers. Create an ORIGINAL work of art showing how we can all help make Philadelphia a greener city with cleaner waters, being sure to follow the criteria. If you choose to create a video, don't forget to follow this year's video theme.

### REQUIREMENTS

Each entry MUST have a copy of the Official 2012 **Green City, Clean Waters** Art Contest Entry Form filled out legibly and entirely. Tape or glue the form to the back of your drawing — no staples please. For videos, include the form in the envelope with your CD and don't forget to label your CD!

### CRITERIA FOR DRAWINGS:

**Page Orientation and Type**  
Artwork MUST be HORIZONTAL and on an 8½ x 11 inch sheet of WHITE paper with no lamination or protruding parts.



#### No Words or Labeling

No poster-style work, words, or labeled objects — let your art tell the message without words. Use the space provided on the entry form if you want to explain your drawing. Words like "Stop" on a stop sign, "soda" on a can, etc. are permitted.

#### Media

Use crayon, marker, paint, color pencils, and/or magic markers. For calendar production purposes, color artwork is preferred (but not required) over black and white.

### CRITERIA FOR VIDEOS:

Videos can be made by an individual or by a team of students. There is no limit for how many students can be part of the team but please note that if a team-produced video wins a prize, it will result in each team member receiving an equal share of the total prize.

#### Theme

Mix it up! Using inspiration from either **Philly Water's Best Friend – Spokesdog Competition**, the new **Green City, Clean Waters** plan, or both, use your creativity and imagination to show us how Philadelphians can help prevent runoff pollution and what each of us can do to help protect Philadelphia's creeks and rivers.

Visit [www.phillywatersheds.org](http://www.phillywatersheds.org) for more information.

#### Length

Videos must be no more than 30 seconds in length.

#### Format

Videos must be on a CD and in MOV or WMV format. No flash drives, jump drives or electronic submissions please (for example, email, website links, etc.)!

#### Safety

Make sure that no animals, humans, or the environment are harmed in the making of your video.

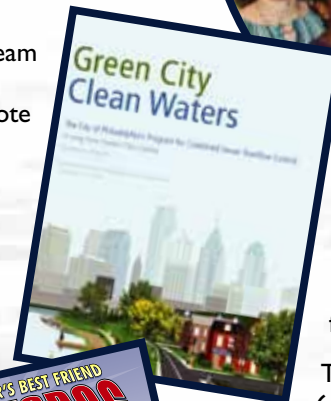
#### Label

In permanent marker, please clearly print on your CD the following: your name, school, phone number, age and grade. Include a completed official 2012 Art Contest Entry Form in the envelope with your CD.

### DEADLINE!

All entries for drawings or videos must be received at:  
**Partnership for the Delaware Estuary**  
**110 S. Poplar Street, Suite 202**  
**Wilmington, DE 19801**

**By Friday, February 24, 2012**  
**(NO entries accepted after this date).**



## Winners!

Three winning drawings are selected from four grade groups: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

Three winning videos are selected from the 6-12 grade group.

#### Prizes for winning drawings and videos are:

**1st: \$100 Gift Card**

**2nd: \$75 Gift Card**

**3rd: \$50 Gift Card**

A winning video made by a team of students results in each student receiving an equal share of the total prize.

All four first place drawings (one from each grade group) will be used on SEPTA buses to promote messages about making Philadelphia a greener city with cleaner waters. All winning drawings will also be featured in a 2012-2013 calendar.

All three winning videos will be featured on the following websites:

**Partnership for the Delaware Estuary**  
[www.DelawareEstuary.org](http://www.DelawareEstuary.org)  
**Philadelphia Water Department Office of Watersheds**

[www.phillywatersheds.org](http://www.phillywatersheds.org)  
**Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center**  
[www.fairmountwaterworks.org](http://www.fairmountwaterworks.org)

All twelve students with winning drawings and all three students with winning videos will receive prizes at an Awards Ceremony in the spring of 2012!

Teachers of winning students each receive a \$25 gift card.

All students who enter the Art Contest will receive a copy of the 2012-2013 calendar.

## Official 2012 Green City, Clean Waters Art Contest Entry Form

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the message in your artwork? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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### SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Fill out this section ONLY if your artwork is done as a school project or assignment. Teachers — save time by filling out this information prior to photocopying the form!

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_