



RECYCLING POSTER & VIDEO CONTEST INFORMATION 2026

Dem-Con is excited to partner with schools in Scott County and host our annual recycling poster contest. The poster & video contest will run through Sunday, November 15th (to celebrate America Recycles Day). Winners will be announced in December 2026.

Who can participate?

All students in Scott County schools (private, public and home schools) and youth organizations (Kindergarten through 12th grade).

What are you looking for in the posters and/or videos?

Creative and fun ways to teach our community about recycling! Students should teach us about sorting either recycling or organics with a "Trash to Treasure" theme!

Items that can go in your recycling bin:

<i>Fibers</i> Brown grocery bags Beer and soda cases Cake and snack boxes Cardboard (non-plastic lined) Catalogs Cereal boxes Magazines Office/school paper/homework (all colors) Junk mail Newspaper and inserts Pizza delivery boxes Broth boxes Juice boxes Juice and Milk Cartons	<i>Plastics</i> Berry containers Juice containers Milk jugs Plastic containers #1, 2 and 5 Water bottles Yogurt tubs and butter tubs <i>Metals and Glass</i> Aluminum cans Steel food cans Beer bottles Glass containers that held food or beverage products
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Items that CANNOT go in your recycling bin:

Auto glass Batteries Ceramics Christmas Lights Clothing & textiles Coat hangers Compostable plastics (#7 PLA) Diapers Dishware Drinking Glasses Electronic waste (cell phones, computers etc.) Extensions Cords Food Waste / Organic material Garden hoses Glass bakeware / cookware (Pyrex) Hazardous chemical containers Light bulbs Medical waste	Microwave trays Mirror glass Motor oil Needles Packing peanuts Paper products with food residue Plastic bags and film Plastic lined cardboard and paper Plastic tarps Plastic food wraps Porcelain Shredded paper Styrofoam Syringes Window glass
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<i>Items that can go in your organics bin:</i> Food waste Coffee grounds and filters House plants and flowers Wood household items (toothpicks/chopstick) BPI certified products like plates or silverware Uncoated paper products (napkins/paper towels) Compostable bags	<i>Items that can't go in your organics bin:</i> Plastics Metals Glass Chemicals Batteries Household trash Household recyclables
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All posters and videos must be the original artwork of the student or student group. Copyrighted characters or art will not be accepted. Each student or student group may only submit one poster. The posters will be submitted digitally. Students who are winners, will need a signed release form by a parent/guardian.

How will the posters and videos be judged?

The posters/videos will be divided into age-appropriate categories and will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Conveys a clear message.
2. Exhibits creativity, originality, and artistic quality.
3. Clearly addresses the "Trash to Treasure" theme.

What does the winner receive?

A press release will be created and sent to local newspapers as well as shared on social media displaying the winning posters. Each winner will also receive a \$100 VISA gift card.

How do I submit the posters?

Posters can be submitted digitally to annieeklund@dem-con.com.

Questions? Feel free to reach out to Annie Eklund, Education Coordinator at Dem-Con, at 952.224.7108 or annieeklund@dem-con.com