



The Illegal Dumping Art Contest is designed to use billboard art to engage, educate, and motivate people to stop illegal dumping and its harmful effects on our County community.

Artwork that includes short messaging will inform people of ways to report illegally discarded waste and its harmful effects on our neighborhoods, agricultural land, and waterways.

Who Can Enter?

Any student who is a resident of San Joaquin County in grades ranging from K-12. Entries by those under 18 years of age require a parent or guardian signature.

What is the Prize?

The winners will see their art work posted on billboards throughout the County, local malls, social media banners, and other educational materials used in the illegal dumping campaign. The billboard art will play an important role in educating County residents on the harmful effects of illegal dumping and ways to report it.

Entry Deadline

Submit entries by **March 31, 2024**

Winners will be announced on **April 30, 2024**

How Do I Enter?

Step 1. Determine if this contest is right for you. To participate, you must be a resident of San Joaquin County, CA and be in grade K-12. Employees of San Joaquin County government, contest judges, or family of contest judges are not eligible.

Step 2. Read the **Rules and Restrictions** document, which explains the details, timing, and requirements of the contest. For additional information, email artcontest@sjgov.org.

Step 3. Get creative! Think about what message you want to communicate about and how to report illegal dumping and how illegally dumped waste impacts our neighborhoods, agricultural land, and waterways. Sketch out some ideas, and test them on family and friends. Also, think about what medium you would like to create the art – on a computer, hand drawn, etc.



Step 4. Create your artwork!

Step 5. Depending on the medium your art was created in, either convert it to a .pdf, .jpg, .gif, or .png file or take a picture of your art in those formats. Try to make the picture as crisp and clear as possible and capture the entire piece in one picture.

Step 6. Submit your artwork.

Online Submission

Submit your artwork along with the completed **Entry and Release form** using the artcontest@sjgov.org and attach your artwork in .pdf .jpg, .png or .gif format. If you have trouble uploading the file due to size, please email artcontest@sjgov.org for assistance.

Mail Submission

Complete the **Entry and Release form**, and send it with the artwork by mail no later than **March 31, 2024**.

San Joaquin County Administrator's Office

Attn: Illegal Dumping Art Contest

44 N. San Joaquin Street, Ste 640, Stockton, CA 95202

Required Documents

There are two required documents that every contest participant should review:

- **Rules and Restrictions** This document has all the information you need to successfully enter the contest.
- **Entry and Release Form** This document has the Entry and Release Forms that must be completed and submitted with the original artwork.



Judging

The winners will be selected by a panel of judges. There will be one winner per grade range; K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Entries will be judged on creativity, its educational content, and how well the messaging fits into the County's campaign, "See It, Report It, Stop It."

Illegal Dumping Phrases to be Used as Inspiration:

1. See it. Report it. Stop it.
 2. Be a Defender, Not an Offender: Report Illegal Dumping.
 3. Illegal Dumping Stinks! Keep Our Neighborhoods Clean.
 4. Be part of the solution, not the pollution.
 5. Every Litter Bit Hurts: Stop Illegal Dumping
- To learn more about illegal dumping, visit www.sjgov.org/departments/pwk/home.