



CHARLOTTESVILLE UTILITIES STORM DRAIN ART CONTEST

NOV 17TH - FEB 9TH

CONTEST RULES

All entries must convey the theme of the contest,

“Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Only Rain Down the Drain!”

- Entries must be the work of one (1) individual, if submitted by someone who is eighteen (18) years or older.
- Entries from those age twelve (12) – seventeen (17) have the option to submit a collaborative entry. Only one (1) submission per individual or collaborative team.
- Original artwork only. Entries submitted with copyrighted characters or images, and AI-generated art will not be accepted.
- Artwork must be appropriate for all ages.
- Artwork must not advertise any product, company, service, religious affiliation, or political organization or view.
- Artwork must be submitted in full color, easily replicated on a concrete surface, and can be adapted to the dimensions of the storm drain inlet.
- A storm drain template to create your artwork is available at www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater. If your design includes the area surrounding the storm drain, please indicate that on your submission.
- Artwork may include the street, sidewalk, or both.

Charlottesville Utilities invites the community to creatively express the importance of stormwater pollution prevention with a Storm Drain Art Contest. Three winners will be selected to paint their artwork on stormwater drain inlets.

Applicants must be at least 12 years of age. Submissions from minors must have parental permission waiver signed.

PRIZE

\$500 VISA GIFT CARD

ONE WINNER IN EACH CATEGORY

- **YOUTH** - (ages 12 to 17)
individual OR collaborative submission
- **OPEN** - (age 18 and older)
individual submission only
- **FAN FAVORITE** - (online voting from February 16 - March 9)



www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater



Official Entry Form

2025 Charlottesville Utilities Storm Drain Art Contest: "Only Rain Down the Drain "

Name (artist or collaborative): _____

If collaborative, individual contact: _____

Category: Youth (12 to 17 years old) Open (18 years and older)

Phone Number: (____) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

I have read through the contest rules and conditions listed on the webpage www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater.

I certify that this artwork is my own and that reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party.

I understand that this artwork will become the property of the City of Charlottesville and may be displayed publicly.

I understand that my name and artwork may appear in media releases and may be used in future promotions for stormwater awareness.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor participant, and I give the minor permission to participate in the Storm Drain Art Contest.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

All entries must be submitted by 5 PM on Monday, February 9, 2026,
using one of the official submission methods.

Submit online:

Submissions can be made digitally through the electronic upload form
(JPEG/JPG, PNG, PDF, or GIF files), www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater

Submit by mail:

Charlottesville Utilities, 305 4th Street NW, Charlottesville, Virginia 22903

Submit in-person:

City's Utilities Administration Building located at 305 4th Street NW



Contact:

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For updates and full list of rules and contest information, please
go to our website: www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater.

