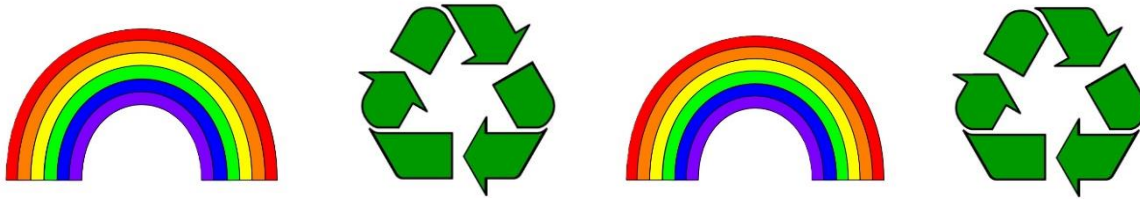


Coloring Book Contest!

How do you practice the 3 R's - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle? Show us!



The Howard County Recycling Division is challenging Howard County third, fourth and fifth graders to draw pictures of how they **Reduce**, **Reuse**, and **Recycle** at home or at school. The top 13 drawings will be featured in a coloring book, with the “Best-in-Show” appearing on the cover.

Winning artists will receive framed certificates, and of course, their drawing, including their name and school, will be featured in a coloring book that will be available to the Howard County community!

To Enter:

1. Using black marker or ink, draw entries on white, unlined 8 ½”x11” paper. Please don’t color in the drawing!
2. Entries should feature at least one of the three R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) being practiced.
3. On the back of the completed drawing, please include the student’s name, address, grade and school attended.
4. Please mail, or deliver, completed entries to:



Tim Kerr, Recycling Coordinator
Bureau of Environmental Services,
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046



Questions: (410) 313-6434 or tkerr@howardcountymd.gov

All entries must be received by January 15th, 2027

Students will be notified of the results by February 19th, 2027

Winners will be given certificates on Saturday April 10th, 2027, at the **20th Annual Howard County GreenFest at Howard Community College.**

The New Coloring Books Will Premiere at GreenFest 2027

Entries must be completed by a Howard County student enrolled in third, fourth or fifth grade.

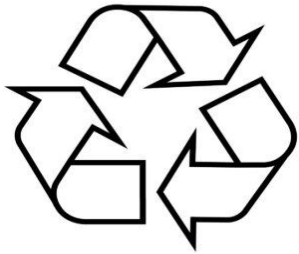
All entries become property of Howard County Government.

Submission of an entry constitutes acceptance of all rules, terms, and conditions of the contest by me and my parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Please see [our coloring book contest webpage](#) for all contest rules.

Some Tips and Suggestions

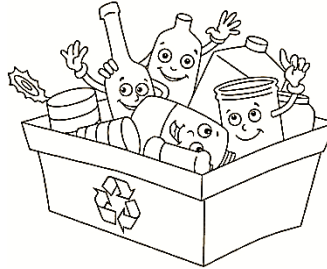
1. Try to include common recycling images in your drawing



Chasing Arrows



Recycling Bin



Recyclable Materials



Earth

2. Leave plenty of empty white space for people to color in

- Use “bubble” letters instead of solid letters



- Use simple designs instead of complex “busy” designs



3. Get creative! Unique examples of the 3 R's are highly encouraged!

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE

Entry Form for the Howard County 2027 Coloring Book Contest

Please completely fill out and sign this form and return with the coloring book entry. Every entry must have an entry form. One entry per student. All entries become property of Howard County Government.

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Student's Full Name _____

Address _____

Grade _____

School Attended _____

Eligibility – Howard County students in third, fourth or fifth grade.

Deadline – January 15th, 2027

Judging – Judging will be conducted by employees of Howard County government. All decisions of judges are final.

Awards - 13 winning artists will receive framed certificates, and of course, their drawing, including their name and school, will be featured in a coloring book that will be available to the Howard County community!

Permission and Disclaimer: I grant Howard County ("the County") permission to use my work for commercial or noncommercial use, including but not limited to public presentation of the work and reproduction of the work in print, electronic, and any other medium to promote the programs of the County. I understand such use may include presentation or reproduction with the works of others, and the work may be used in whole or in part. I understand my work becomes the property of the County and the County is not responsible for lost or damaged work. I understand my work will not be returned. I affirm that this is my own original work inspired by the theme of the contest and created solely by me and agree to hold harmless the County from any claim by any third party who claims the work violates the third party's intellectual property or creative rights, copyright, or trademark. I grant the County permission to use my name, the name of my school, and my grade in connection with the work when publicly presenting the work or any reproduction of the work in any medium to promote the programs of the County. I understand that the submission of my entry constitutes acceptance of all rules, terms, and conditions of the contest.

Signature of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) _____

Print name(s) _____