



KEEP DENVER BEAUTIFUL

2012 Essay & Poster Contest!

OPEN TO 3RD – 8TH GRADE STUDENTS



THEME: “I CAN HELP KEEP DENVER LITTER & GRAFFITI FREE”

Definitions:

Litter: trash that was carelessly thrown away and it is not in the proper place

Graffiti: markings or drawing on property which is illegal, if it's done without permission

Have you seen graffiti or litter anywhere in your city, neighborhood or around your school?

How does it make you feel when you see litter or graffiti?

How do you think people feel when they have graffiti on their property?

Do you know anyone who has ever had graffiti on their property?

What can you do to prevent graffiti?

Graffiti and litter make a neighborhood look bad and feel unsafe. When a neighborhood has graffiti or litter, it looks like the people who live there do not care about their community.

ESSAY CONTEST

Write an essay describing how **YOU** can help keep **DENVER** graffiti and litter free, refer to the questions above. Essays must be typed or handwritten and submitted on 8.5” x 11” paper. All essays must be neat & legible.

Essays will be judged on content, clarity, grammar, punctuation and spelling.

Elementary School entries (grades 3 - 5) must be 150 - 250 words long.

Middle School entries (grades 6 - 8) must be 300 - 500 words long.

ESSAYS must include the words:

“I CAN PREVENT GRAFFITI & LITTER” & “KEEP DENVER BEAUTIFUL”

POSTER CONTEST

Create a poster that shows how **YOU** can help keep Denver graffiti and litter free. Artwork must be flat (drawn or painted). Use materials that will not smear; pens, pencils, paint, etc. Posters will be judged on originality, creativity and how well the picture relates to the theme. **Keep artwork simple/not too busy!** Artwork must be submitted on 11”x17” paper.

POSTERS must include the words:

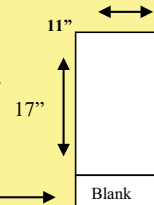
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FOLLOW THE REQUIRED POSTER SIZE GUIDELINES BELOW



TEACHERS! PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT ANY ENTRIES BEFORE READING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS FOR QUALIFICATION:

- ✓ Essays must be typed or printed legibly
- ✓ The student's name, grade, school & teacher's name must appear on the back of all entries
- ✓ **Essays & Posters must include the words: “I Can Prevent Graffiti & Litter” & “Keep Denver Beautiful.”**
- ✓ **Posters MUST** be 11 inches wide (across the top) and 17 inches long (down the side), with a **1.5 inch blank border along the bottom!**



Deadline: Entries must be received by 4:00 PM - **Friday, March 2, 2012**

Mail or deliver to Keep Denver Beautiful- Public Works Department
2000 W. 3rd Ave. - 3rd floor, Denver, CO 80223



Prizes will be awarded & winning participants will be honored at the Keep Denver Beautiful Awards presentation!

All posters and essays will become the property of the City & County of Denver and may be used for marketing and promotional purposes.

For more information call Donna at 303-446-3405

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