

**How do YOU reduce waste?
Monongalia County Student Lesson Opportunity and Calendar Contest**

Attention teachers:

The Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority (MCSWA) and West Virginia Youth Environmental Program (YEP) are partnering to provide an educational opportunity for students on the importance of reducing waste going to the landfill. As part of that lesson, we would like to invite students to submit their best artwork showcasing their ideas for reducing waste or create a pledge showing how they will commit to reducing waste. The artwork pledges will be entered into a contest, with the winning entries to be included in MCSWA's 2024 calendar. Pledges can be crafted individually, in groups or as a class.

What are we offering:

- From Sept. 19-Oct. 20, YEP District 1 Coordinator JoAnn Snoderly will be available to provide in-class presentations for 4th-12th grade classes or clubs with time at the end for completing the artwork or pledges. Available slots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Lesson materials, "How to Reduce Food Waste" article, and 2023 Reduce Waste Pledge template will be provided to each participant (based on available copies).
- A lesson plan and materials can be supplied to teachers who would like to teach the lesson and submit contest entries on their own. We can arrange to pick up the contest entries from your school.
- Each entry will be entered in the MCSWA 2024 calendar contest. MCSWA Board members and Administrator Lynn Castro will select the winning entries.

Important Dates:

- Sept. 7: Interest form posted to MCSWA website
- Sept. 15: Priority deadline for completing online registration for lesson materials and/or in-class presentation (Final deadline is Sept. 29; lesson materials available as supplies last)
- Sept. 19 - Oct. 20: Slots available for in-class presentations provided by the YEP
- Sept. 19: First day materials will be made available to use for your class (limited copies - first classes to confirm will receive materials).
- Sept. 29: Final deadline for online registration
- October 20: Deadline for contest submissions

How to sign up your class to participate:

- Please complete the Registration Form at the Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority's webpage at monongaliacounty.swa.com

For more information about the YEP Presentations, contact YEP District 1 Coordinator JoAnn Snoderly at joann.r.snoderly@wv.gov or 304-389-9179, and contact Lynn Castro, MCSWA Administrator about the Calendar Contest or any problems with the Form or website at moncountyswa@gmail.com or 304-292-3801.