

Middlesex County Department of Public Safety & Health

Divisions of Solid Waste Management Environmental Health

2015 Essay Contest

ESSAY SUBJECTS

Sixth Grade

Nonpoint source pollution is contamination of our groundwater, waterways, and oceans that results from everyday activities such as fertilizing the lawn, walking pets, changing motor oil, and littering. Rain can wash these materials into our storm drains that flow into our waterways and oceans. How can we prevent nonpoint source pollution from entering our storm drains?

Seventh Grade

New Jersey has struggled in recent years to reach our mandated municipal solid waste recycling goals. What new material(s) do you think we should start recycling in order to reach our goals?

Eighth Grade

What should New Jersey do in order to reduce the amount of food waste being disposed of in landfills and resource recovery facilities (incinerators)?

ESSAY SPECIFICS

Essay Length - Approximately 400 words

Grade Levels 6–8 (Middlesex County residents attending any schools including homeschool)

ESSAY PRIZES

Winners 3 per grade (9 winners total)

Prizes include an eReader for the first prize in each grade as well as environmental books.

SUBMISSIONS

- Must be received (fax, email or mailed) at the Division of Solid Waste Management on or before May 1, 2015.
- Must have student's name, municipality (home), home contact information (email and phone), grade, and school listed on the front page of the essay.
- Must be neatly written or typed.
- Middlesex County may post the winning essays on our website. Winners' names may also be included in a press release. All submitted essays become the property of Middlesex County. Not responsible for lost or damaged entries.

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