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NEWS RELEASE

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Water Supply Extends Entry Deadline for Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest to April 30

HILO, HAWAI'I – The Department of Water Supply (DWS), County of Hawai'i, announces it has extended the entry deadline for its 8th Annual Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest and will continue accepting posters until Thursday, April 30.

The extension provides Hawai'i Island kindergarteners through sixth graders more time to submit their original artworks illustrating this year's theme *"Make Every Drop Count"* by showing how using water wisely can help to conserve our most precious resource – safe drinking water. Entries will be judged based on creativity, originality, and depiction of the theme. Water Conservation educational resources can be found under the "Conservation" link at www.hawaiidws.org.

Poster contest entries should be accompanied by a completed entry form attached below, available at www.hawaiidws.org, via email by contacting dws@hawaiidws.org or by calling DWS weekdays, excluding holidays, at (808) 961-8050. Contest entries should be mailed to DWS in Hilo or dropped off at DWS' offices in Hilo, Kona or Waimea by Thursday, April 30, 2026. Address locations and contest rules are listed on the entry form below and at www.hawaiidws.org.

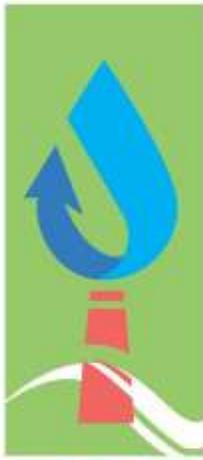
There is no charge to enter the contest, and prizes will be awarded to the top three entries, as determined by judges, from each grade level. DWS will award prizes valued at \$150 to each winner, prizes valued at \$100 to each second-place finisher, and prizes valued at \$50 to each third-place finisher.

Founded in 1949, the Department of Water Supply is a semi-autonomous agency of the County of Hawai'i. The Department's mission is to provide customers with an adequate and continuous supply of safe drinking water in a financially responsible manner through the operation of its 23 separate public water systems that combined deliver approximately 25 million gallons of water each day to Hawai'i Island communities.

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... Water, Our Most Precious Resource... Ka Wai A Kāne ...

The Department of Water Supply is an Equal Opportunity provider and employer.



County of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF
WATER SUPPLY
8th ANNUAL
Keiki Water Conservation
POSTER
CONTEST



How to enter:

- 1** View "Save Water to Help the Earth" video under the "Conservation" link at www.hawaiidws.org.
- 2** Create your original artwork (see rules and guidelines below).
- 3** Fill out the attached entry form and submit poster by mail or in-person to the DWS office in Hilo, Kona or Waimea by

Thursday, April 30, 2026.

2026 Contest Theme:
Make Every Drop Count

Who: Open to all Hawai'i County K-6 students

What: 11" x 17" Water Conservation Poster

- Horizontal (landscape format), white poster paper
- Any media except chalk, charcoal or oil-based crayon
- Only original artwork (no computer graphics, photographs, 3-D objects) by a single individual (no collaborative work). Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
- Please submit poster flat, not rolled
- Student identification must be **clearly listed** on the back, bottom right corner of the poster, including **Full Name, School, Grade, and Teacher's Full Name**
- Each poster must be submitted with an accompanying entry form (see back of flyer). If a teacher/parent is submitting multiple entries, only one form per grade is needed
- Entries should focus on **fresh drinking water** (not ocean water or bottled water)



When: **By Thursday, April 30, 2026**

Where: Mail or drop off at: **Department of Water Supply**

345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20, Hilo, HI 96720

Entries may also be dropped off at DWS offices in Kona or Waimea. See entry form for addresses.

Why: **We all must protect our most precious resource - water**

- Let's learn to conserve our precious water resources for future generations.
- Water is essential for all life and is a limited resource that cannot be replaced.
- Water truly is our most precious resource!

Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries, as chosen by judges, from each grade level. The Department of Water Supply may reproduce winners' names and their entries, which will be announced at a future Water Board meeting. DWS expects to display winning posters at a County venue (the location of which will be determined in the future). Posters may be picked up from the DWS' Hilo Office after June 20, 2026. The office is open from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays, and is located at 345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20. Posters not picked up by July 31, 2026, will be discarded. For questions or more information, please contact DWS at (808) 961-8050, visit www.hawaiidws.org or email dws@hawaiidws.org.



County of Hawai'i
DEPARTMENT OF WATER SUPPLY
8th ANNUAL
Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest
ENTRY FORM

DEADLINE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

Please fill out the form completely

Each poster should be clearly labeled on the back, bottom right corner with the student's FULL NAME, GRADE, SCHOOL, AND TEACHER'S FULL NAME.

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

School Telephone No.: _____ Grade Level: _____

Email Address: _____

Total number of entries submitted (please attach list with student names): _____

How did you hear about the contest? (Check all that apply.)

School Principal DOE Newsletter
 Another Teacher News Media
 DWS Website Other (please specify): _____
 Social Media



By entering the DWS Keiki Water Conservation Poster Contest, you agree to abide by the rules, including allowing DWS to reproduce winning entries.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three entries from each grade level, kindergarten through 6th grade.

Mail entries to DWS in Hilo or drop off at one of the following locations by Thursday, April 30, 2026:

Department of Water Supply - Hilo Office
(mail or drop off)
345 Kekūanaō'a Street, Suite 20
Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

Department of Water Supply - Waimea Office
(drop off only 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays)
65-1234 Opelo Road
Waimea, Hawai'i 96743

Department of Water Supply - Kona Office
(drop off only 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays)
78-6717 Māmalahoa Highway
Hōlualoa, Hawai'i 96725

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