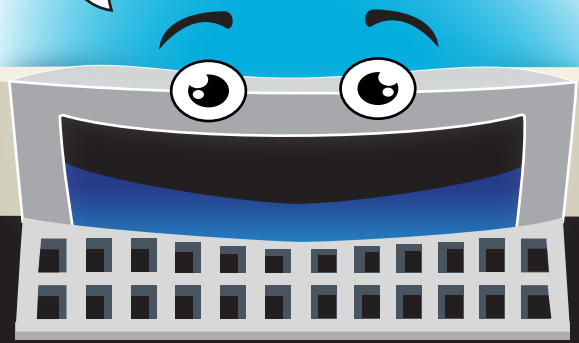


# Design My Next Downstream Friend and Show How Pollution Makes Them Unhappy!



If you have been reading the “Gurgle and His Downstream Friends” comic strips, you have learned that pollutants can enter a storm drain and flow into surrounding creeks, rivers, and streams. Your health, the health of our waterbodies, and the health of our wildlife rely on the quality of storm water. One way you can help improve the quality of storm water is by entering our art contest to educate and encourage citizens to adopt a storm drain! By adopting a storm drain, citizens pledge to keep their storm drain clear of trash and debris and report concerns to the City. Adults can submit an application online at [MemphisStormWater.com](http://MemphisStormWater.com).

## Lil’ Pollution Preventer Art Contest Rules

Who can enter? All students PK - 5th grade, but you don’t have to participate through a school to enter!

How and when do you enter? Entries must be postmarked by Friday February 26, 2021.

Mail or bring original art to 245 Bass Pro Drive Memphis, TN 38103

Due to COVID19, art can be accepted via email at [StormWater@MemphisTN.gov](mailto:StormWater@MemphisTN.gov).

If the art is selected as a finalist, the original art or high quality file must be provided.

### Other Requirements:

- Artwork must be original, must not violate any U.S. copyright law, and will become the property of the City of Memphis Storm Water Department and may not be returned. Any art medium is acceptable. By submitting artwork, the artist grants The City of Memphis Storm Water Department the permission to reproduce and display his/her artwork and character (or any variation) for use to promote storm water pollution prevention.
- Art must use the theme “Why Adopt a Storm Drain”, must show pollution entering a Memphis waterbody and/or the stormwater drainage system, and include a new downstream friend for Gurgle that supports this theme. Gurgle’s downstream friend must be native to the Memphis area (think about animals that live around our rivers and streams). Awesome and cute creative slogans are encouraged!
- One entry per person. Art must have the information below attached to the artwork . Please do not write the information on the front or back of the art as it could distract from the image.

Student Name	Grade	Teacher and School or Parent name	Teacher/Parent Phone #
Name and species of the downstream friend and the name of the Memphis waterbody			
- Artwork must be at least 11” w x 8-1/2” h ( 17” w x 11” h preferred). Email [StormWater@MemphisTN.gov](mailto:StormWater@MemphisTN.gov) if you want to participate but need help with artist supplies!
- Artwork will be judged on factual content, legibility, creativity, and subject matter\*. Please note that students should do their own artwork.

What are the prizes? Two winners will be announced in March 2021. There will be one winner for the PK- 2nd grade age group and one winner for the 3rd - 5th grade age group. Each winner will have their artwork publicized in Jabberblabber Magazine, LaPrensa Magazine, and a billboard with their name, grade, and school name. The winning characters will also be featured in a new Gurgle comic strip. The winning student and school may also be recognized for their accomplishment on the Storm Water Department’s 2022 commercials.

EVERY participant will receive a prize, so please do not screen entries!

**Questions?** Contact 636-4349 or email [StormWater@MemphisTN.gov](mailto:StormWater@MemphisTN.gov)

\* Subject matter must be appropriate for public display to all audiences.

