

Art contest all about recycling

The Nevada Recycles program's statewide recycled art contest is designed to increase Nevadans' awareness and interest in recycling.

Entrants must be Nevada residents and projects must be composed of used recyclable materials. Submission of an entry form and photos of artwork are due Oct. 22.

There will be cash prizes for first, second and third place in five categories: kindergarten-grade 5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12, class project, and adult.

Materials that can be used include, but are not limited to, tires, electronics, appliances, plastic bags, bottles, batteries and aluminum cans. Fastening materials may include tape, glue and/or string.

In 2016, Nevada's recycling rate was 22.4 percent. Based on residential and commercial sector data, Nevadans (including the influence of the tourist population) throw away about 5.5 pounds of trash, per person, per day. That's approximately 3 million tons of trash that enters a landfill each year.

Winners will be announced prior to America Recycles Day, which is Nov. 15. More information about the contest, along with submission guidelines, is available **online**.