



## **AUGUSTA UTILITIES' DRINKING WATER WEEK 2019 ARTIST CHALLENGE**



Augusta Utilities invites the 4th and 5th graders of Richmond County to draw their best picture of WIL, our friendly alligator mascot – protecting our source or conserving water! A panel of judges will choose 8 winning drawings that will be published in our first ever “Wilding in Augusta with WIL Coloring Book! The book will be unveiled at this year’s Drinking Water Week Festival on May 11th. The winning artists will have an Autograph Session where they will be recognized and honored for their work. This coloring book will be on hand and also distributed throughout the Augusta Community to educate citizens about various water related issues.

The **first-place drawing will appear in color on the cover of the coloring book** and each winning artist will receive a certificate recognizing his or her masterpiece as a finalist and will also be included in the coloring book.

### **To Enter:**

1. On form provided, **using black ink**, draw a creative picture of WIL protecting our source or conserving water in or outside the home. Remember: don't fill in the outline of the drawing, but make sure it's large enough that a friend could color it in!
2. Entries will be judged on artistic ability, creativity and the water conservation tip illustrated.
3. Hand in the completed drawing to your teacher.
4. All teachers must send their students' drawings by one of the following methods:  
**Mail or Drop Off:** Augusta Utilities, Drinking Water Week 2019 Artist Challenge, 452 Walker Street, Suite 200, Augusta, GA 30901.  
**Email:** [icollins@augustaga.gov](mailto:icollins@augustaga.gov)
5. When submitting entries, please include a point of contact. This can be a teacher, administrator, school counselor, etc. Please include a contact name, phone number and email address, so we can notify the school should one of your students win!
6. Entries are due by **Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 5 p.m.**

### **RULES:**

- Must be either 4th or 5th grade Richmond County student
- All drawings must depict water pollution, protecting our water source, or conservation
- Limit one entry per student



## Additional Artist Challenge Information & Resources

Before the students begin drawing, it is helpful to give them information about water conservation, pollution, and how to protect our source, what it is and why it is important. When selecting a winner, the judges will consider the water conservation or protecting the source tip used, artistic ability and creativity. So, the more information the student has, the better!

**All drawings must be original and large enough to be colored in.**

### Here are some resources to help:

- Visit the waterSmart website at [www.watersmart.net](http://www.watersmart.net) to learn more and get inspired
- Email [lcollins@augustaga.gov](mailto:lcollins@augustaga.gov) with questions

### Some quick and easy conservation tips:

- Turn off sprinklers when it is raining – or automate it with a rain shutoff sensor
- Turn off dripping faucets
- Use your dishwasher and washing machine for full loads only
- Never use your toilet as a wastebasket
- Check for leaky pipes and fixtures, and fix them immediately
- Take shorter showers
- Pour unfinished water on a thirsty plant instead of down the drain
- Be sure to recycle to help save the streams and lakes from pollution
- Turn off the water while you are washing your hands
- Take showers instead of baths
- Fill a reusable bottle from the tap instead of buying bottled water
- Don't over-water your lawn and plants – use a rain gauge to help keep track
- Use rain barrels to collect water to use on plants instead of using a hose
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth – it saves 4 to 10 gallons of water a day

# ENTRY FORM

Draw your black-and-white picture of WIL conserving water or protecting our source in the space below:



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_