



2020 Marine Debris Calendar

Featuring artwork from the
2019 "Keep the Sea Free of
Debris!" Art Contest winners

About this Calendar

This calendar features winning artwork from the 2019 “Keep the Sea Free of Debris!” Art Contest. The NOAA Marine Debris Program received hundreds of great entries from students across the United States in kindergarten through 8th grade showing the impacts of marine debris on our ocean and planet. The program evaluated submissions based on creativity, artistic presentation, relevance to theme, and how thoroughly the students answered the questions:

- *How does marine debris impact the ocean and Great Lakes environment?*
- *What will you do to help?*

Thank you to all the students (and teachers) for your participation in the 2019 art contest. Your support and enthusiasm reminds us of why we do what we do every day - work to keep our ocean and Great Lakes clean. The Program hopes this calendar fuels your passion to protect our ocean and drives you to stay involved in finding solutions to prevent marine debris.

NOAA Marine Debris Program

The NOAA Marine Debris Program's mission is to investigate and prevent the adverse impacts of marine debris. The program achieves this through coordinating regional marine debris efforts, leading research, and conducting outreach to local communities.

Cover Art Jennie C. (Grade 8, Massachusetts)



“Marine debris impacts the ocean because it pollutes the water and harms wildlife. Something that everyone can do to help solve this issue is volunteer at shorelines to pick up trash and debris.”



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Coloring Activity

Marine and aquatic animals, like this fish, can get entangled in our trash and fishing gear. They can also mistake microplastics, or tiny pieces of plastic less than 5mm in size, for their food.

Terry the Trout is stuck in a plastic beverage ring. Color in the fish and tell us what they're saying!



No Debris



Debris





JANUARY 2020

DECEMBER 2019

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			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4
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19	20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	21	22	23	24	25 Chinese New Year
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Humans "Otter" know better! *





FEBRUARY 2020

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2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	
16	17 President's Day	18	19	20	21	22	
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MARCH 2020

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8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Spring Equinox	20	21
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Easter Sunday			Tax Day	Passover Begins		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
			Earth Day		Ramadan Begins	
26	27	28	29	30		

Litter Bugs me! Stop it!

Don't drop it!





MAY 2020

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3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9	
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16	
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31	Memorial Day						





JUNE 2020

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	1	2	3	4	5 World Environment Day	6
7	8 World Ocean Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Summer Solstice
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Don't be snobbish! Pick up rubbish!





JULY 2020

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6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Rosh Hashanah	19 International Coastal Cleanup
20	21	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24	25	26
27 Yom Kippur	28	29	30			



What's going on?

We found some nice hats!

Mine's not coming off though!

Keep the ocean clean of trash



OCTOBER 2020

SEPTEMBER 2020

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11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	

WE'VE
BEEN AROUND
FOR
500,000,000
YEARS.

LET US STAY FOR
A FEW MORE.





NOVEMBER 2020

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8	9	10	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
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29	30	Thanksgiving Day				





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6	7	8	9	10 Hanukkah Begins	11	12
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20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

2019 "Keep the Sea Free of Debris!" Art Contest Winners



"Marine debris impacts our ocean and Great Lakes by making animals die. I can help to keep our ocean debris free by throwing garbage in the trash."

- Gana S. (Grade 2, U.S. Virgin Islands)

JANUARY



"Marine debris pollutes the water, harming animals and plants. Plastics ensnare animals and get lodged in their digestive systems or block their airways. Plastic poses as edible prey and can poison animals if eaten. I use less plastic and participate in beach cleanups to do my part to help."

- Nora B. (Grade 8, Hawaii)

FEBRUARY



"Marine debris impacts our ocean by harming animals living in its waters. Some ways I can help our ocean be free of debris is by using reusable items, such as a water bottle, bamboo or metal utensils, and reusable containers for food. Also, I can make a difference by walking along the shoreline and pick up debris."

- Ava E. (Grade 6, California)

MARCH



"Marine debris impacts our oceans and Great Lakes because it pollutes it and destroys the natural habitats and marine life there. Therefore, it minimizes the amount of sea life we need. I will recycle my things and try not to throw away things so often."

- Amy H. (Grade 5, Massachusetts)

APRIL



"We have to keep the beaches clean in order to keep the animals healthy. I like to clean the trash at the beach with my family. I will continue to use reusable containers in my lunch to reduce plastic waste."

- Luke G. (Grade 3, Ohio)

MAY



"Marine debris pollutes our oceans and Great Lakes. It makes sea life sick and is bad for our environment. Sometimes animals get tangled in the debris or think it is food and eat it. I will pick up any trash I find, organize beach clean ups with my friends, and try to teach others how their trash harms the seas."

- Carson M. (Grade 6, Georgia)

JUNE



"We learned about keeping the sea free of marine debris. Marine debris is rubbish in our ocean. I can help keep our Hawaii beaches clean. We want our sea creatures to be safe and happy!"

- Verona M. (Grade 1, Hawaii)

JULY



"Marine debris greatly impacts our oceans and Great Lakes. They pollute our water and can harm and even potentially kill marine life. What we can do to keep our water debris free is to recycle, pick up trash on a regular basis, or join a beach cleanup. Using environmentally friendly materials is also a great way to keep our oceans and lakes debris free."

- Cindy P. (Grade 7, Mississippi)

AUGUST



"Marine debris is affecting the ocean so greatly that plastic trash will exceed fish by 2050. All people need to be aware of the pollution problem they are causing. We need to recycle and clean our water and beaches."

- Julia K. (Grade 5, Massachusetts)

SEPTEMBER



"Marine debris impacts our ocean and lakes by destroying the ecosystem and environment. Our water will go bad and swimming hot spots could be potentially dangerous. I will help to keep our oceans and lakes clean by picking up litter, producing less waste, and encouraging others to do the same."

- Aaron K. (Grade 5, Michigan)

OCTOBER



"Marine debris is a deadly environmental hazard that endangers humans, wildlife, and ecosystems. It can be ingested by animals, pollutes our environment, and can choke or entangle animals as large as whales. I entered a science competition and created two inventions concerning microplastics, bycatching, and ghost fishing to educate the public on a national scale."

- Taelyn B. (Grade 7, Idaho)

NOVEMBER



"The trash kills animals. I am going to help the ocean by cleaning the lakes. I will pick up the trash."

- Anastasia K. (Grade 8, Pennsylvania)

DECEMBER

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Please recycle.