**Water Essay**

**The 2015 Metro Water District Water Essay Contest is now open!**

Deadline: October 16, 2015

2015 marks the 14th year of the Metro Water District Essay Contest. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders in Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Forsyth, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties are invited to participate in the contest.

The Water Essay Contest is an excellent way to incorporate a real world science issue into language arts classes, and easily integrates into existing science lessons. The essay contest deadline is Friday, October 16, 2015. One City of Atlanta and 15 county winners will receive a $100 prize. From among these essays, a District-wide winner will be chosen and receive an additional $400 prize.

City of Atlanta and county winners will be notified by December 3rd. An awards reception will be held in the South Wing of the Georgia Capitol on Wednesday, December 16th from 10 am to 12 pm. District-wide winner and runner-up will be announced at the awards reception.

**This Year's Topic:**

Students should write a 300-500 word essay that addresses the following: Why is stormwater pollution a problem and what can you do to prevent it?

Please distribute the links to contest guidelines and judging rubric to your staff and students.

         [Guidelines](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org/_literature_226687/Guidelines_for_2015_Middle_School_Essay_Contest)

         [Judging Rubric](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org/_literature_226688/2015_Water_Essay_Contest_Judging_Rubric)

         [Entry Form](http://www.northgeorgiawater.org/_literature_226686/2015_Essay_Contest_Entry_Form)