

Earth Day Coloring Contest: Soil. Where it all begins.

Plants sprout from soil. Insects and tiny organisms live in soil. Life comes from and returns to soil! However, everyday soil is at risk of being lost. It can take 100-1,000 years to make 1" of healthy soil naturally. Yet, one storm can wash away 1" of bare soil. Native plants have large root systems that hold and protect soil. Planting native trees, bushes, and flowers helps our soils. **Color** the beautiful native plants that protect soil. **Draw** an animal **above** the ground that would love the flowers and one **below** that would love its home in the soil.

Contest Rules:

- Open to K-6 grade children in Medina County.
- They must independently color their entry.
- They can use any 2D materials such as crayon, colored pencils, markers, collage, etc (no digital)
- **DEADLINE: March 20.** Drop off or mail to Medina SWCD 6090 Wedgewood Rd, Medina, OH 44256

Prizes: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners are chosen in each category, based on grades, & are chosen based on **coloring skills, lack of white space, & creative additions.** Prize ceremony is at Medina County's Earth Day Festival, **April 25, 12pm**, Buffalo Creek Retreat.

Displayed: Winning entries will be displayed April 25 at the Earth Day Festival & then at the Medina County Library's main branch for the first few weeks of May and mailed back to the schools. For homeschool students, entries will be mailed home.

Questions: Contact Medina SWCD's Abby Costilow: 330-722-9318, acostilow@medinacounty.gov



Keep this top portion for prize ceremony info.
Send in the entry below the dotted line.



Entry slip must be filled out completely.

Student's First & Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian's name: _____ Parent/Guardian's phone: _____

Only the student's first name, grade, & school will be shown to protect child safety & privacy. For homeschool students, include home address in school line. Parent's # will only be used for notification if student's art wins & is displayed.