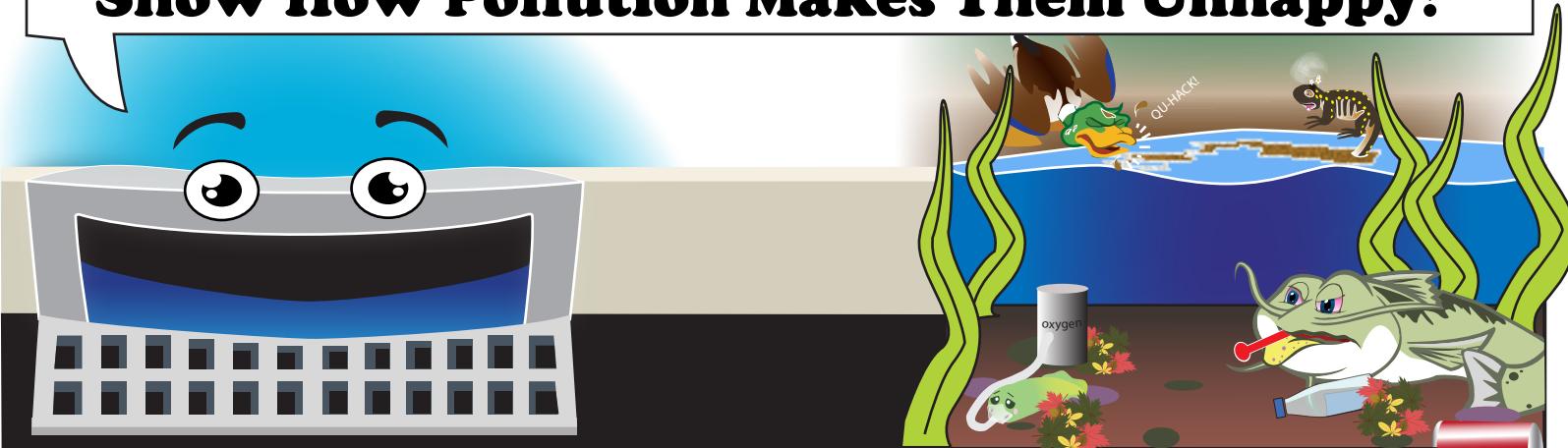


# Design My Next Downstream Friend and Show How Pollution Makes Them Unhappy!



If you have been reading the “Gurge and His Downstream Friends” comic strips, you have learned that pollutants can enter a storm drain and flow into surrounding creeks, rivers, and streams. Your health, the health of our waterbodies, and the health of our wildlife rely on the quality of storm water. One of the ways that you can help improve the quality of storm water is education, so enter our art contest to encourage citizens to adopt a storm drain! Adopting a storm drain is easy! Adults can submit an application online at [MemphisStormWater.com](http://MemphisStormWater.com).

## Lil’ Pollution Preventer Art Contest Rules

**Who can enter?** All students PK - 5th grade in any school within the City of Memphis limits (including homeschool).

**How and when do you enter?** Entries must be postmarked by Monday January 14, 2019.

Mail or bring original art to 245 Bass Pro Drive Memphis, TN 38103

### Other Requirements:

- Artwork must be original, must not violate any U.S. copyright law, and will become the property of the City of Memphis Storm Water Department and may not be returned. Any art medium is acceptable. By submitting artwork, the artist grants The City of Memphis Storm Water Department the permission to reproduce and display his/her artwork and character (or any variation) for use to promote Storm Water Pollution Prevention.
- One entry per student or group. Each entry must be clearly labeled on index card firmly attached to the bottom or back with the following information:

Student Name	Grade	Teacher/contact name	School name
1-5 word supporting slogan		Contact phone number	School address

**Name and species of the downstream friend and the name of the Memphis waterbody**

- Art must use the theme “Why Adopt a Storm Drain” and include a supporting slogan no greater than 5 words length. It must also show pollution entering a Memphis waterbody, and a new downstream friend for Gurge that supports this theme. Gurge’s downstream friend must live within the Memphis area.
- Artwork must be 17 inches long and 11 inches high or be able to be clearly reduced, cropped, or photographed to those dimensions.
- Artwork will be judged on factual content, legibility, creativity, and subject matter\*. Please note that students should do their own artwork.

**What are the prizes?** Two winners will be announced by February 2019 and all entries will be proudly displayed on [MemphisStormWater.com](http://MemphisStormWater.com). There will be one winner for the PK- 2nd grade age group and one winner for the 3rd - 5th grade age group. Each winner will have their artwork publicized in Jabberblabber Magazine, LaPrensa Latina Magazine, and on a billboard with their name, grade, and school name. The winning characters will also be featured in a new Gurge comic strip. The winning student and school may also be recognized for their accomplishment on the Storm Water Department’s next commercials.

**Questions?** Contact 636-4349 or email [StormWater@MemphisTN.gov](mailto:StormWater@MemphisTN.gov)

\* Subject matter must be appropriate for public display to all audiences.

