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ENTRIES NOW OPEN: 6TH ANNUAL BRIGHTENING THE WORLD COLORING CONTEST

New Category Added: Children Aged 3 & 4

Charlotte, NC (March 1, 2025) – Meridian Waste, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, is excited to announce the opening of entries for its 6th Annual Brightening the World Earth Day Coloring Contest. This year's contest invites children from across the United States, ages three to ten, to express their creativity and help raise awareness for Earth Day through colorful artwork.

Since its inception, the Brightening the World Coloring Contest has seen an increasing number of submissions each year, engaging children, parents, and caregivers in efforts to create a more sustainable and beautiful planet. The contest aims to stimulate young minds' creativity while fostering a deeper appreciation for Earth's natural beauty and the importance of protecting it.

In response to numerous requests, Meridian Waste is proud to introduce a new age category to the contest this year: children aged three and four. The 2025 contest will now feature three distinct age groups: 3–4 years old, 5–7 years old, and 8–10 years old. Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each category, with grand prizes, as well as second and third-place awards up for grabs. There is no purchase necessary to participate, and entrants do not have to be a Meridian Waste customer.

The contest officially begins on March 1 at 12:00 PM EST and will run until April 15 at 11:59 PM EDT. Interested participants can download one of the official coloring pages from the Meridian Waste website at <https://www.MeridianWaste.com/EarthDay>. After coloring their pages, entries can be submitted through the online form linked on the page.

"One of the toughest jobs I have as CEO each year is serving on the Meridian Waste Brightening the World Coloring Contest selection committee," said Meridian Waste CEO, Walter "Wally" Hall. "Not only do the number of entries grow each year, but the creativity and quality of the submissions continue to impress me and our leadership team. This contest is a wonderful way to highlight the beauty of our natural environment while promoting the important work we do every day to keep our communities clean and healthy."

About Meridian Waste:

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Goldston, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Greensboro, NC, Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Huntsville, AL, Central AL, North & South MS, Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 515,800 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 30 hauling companies, eight transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 1,313,681 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit [MeridianWaste.com](https://www.MeridianWaste.com).

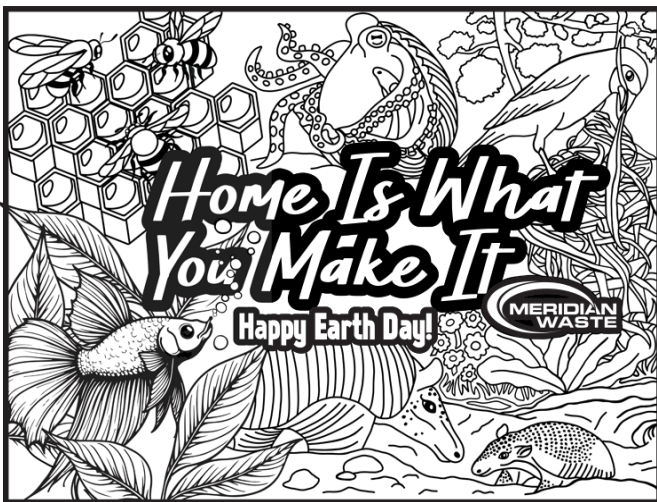
IMAGE 1 – Coloring page for children ages 3-4.



IMAGE 2 – Coloring page for children ages 5-7.



IMAGE 3 – Coloring page for children ages 8-10.



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