

Recycling at Home Survey

Take this survey home to determine your solid waste output and how you might change it. Compare answers with your classmates and find solutions to how you might reduce the amount of trash you throw away everyday.

- On average, how many bags of garbage does your family throw away each week?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 3 or more
- How many waste paper cans or trash bins do you have around the house?
 - 1-2
 - 3-4
 - 5-6
 - 7 or more
- How many of these bins are located in the following places?
 - Kitchen _____
 - Bathroom (s) _____
 - Garage or outside _____
 - Bedroom (s) _____
 - Den / Computer Room _____
 - Other _____
- Do you recycle at home? Circle **YES** or **NO**
- What items do you recycle at home?
 - Metal Cans
 - Newspaper
 - Magazines
 - #1 and #2 Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Jars
 - Clear Glass Bottles, Jugs, Jars
 - Other _____
- Do you or your family use any of the following at home? Write **Y** for Yes, **N** for No.

Paper Plates	_____	Styrofoam Plates	_____
Paper Towels	_____	Paper Napkins	_____
Microwave Dinners	_____	Disposable Cups	_____
Disposable Utensils	_____		
- Do you or your family use any of the following at home? Write **Y** for Yes, **N** for No.

Reusable Dishes	_____	Reusable Cups	_____
Fabric Napkins	_____	Metal Utensils	_____

Extension Activity:

Use the chart on the back of this page to list the items used for the next evening meal prepared and eaten at home. Don't forget to list all packaging items and what happened to them after they were used. If you run out of room, use another sheet of paper.

When list is completed, analyze the list of materials thrown away. How many items were thrown away? How could these have been recycled or substituted with something that could have been recycled? What could you have used instead to help reduce waste?