



Do Your Share

Activity Worksheet B

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Name _____ Date _____

Directions: Interview an adult. Tell them about the solid waste problem in America. Ask them which of the suggestions below they would be willing to do to help solve this problem. Put a check mark in front of each thing they would be willing to do.

- _____ 1. Buy foods in bulk to reduce the amount of packaging waste.
- _____ 2. Buy and use the following reusable items.
 - _____ cloth napkins
 - _____ rechargeable batteries
 - _____ plastic and glass food containers
 - _____ cloth or canvas shopping bags
 - _____ other (List here:)
- _____ 3. Organize a recycling center at a school, church, apartment, or community.
- _____ 4. Recycle motor oil and car batteries.
- _____ 5. Buy products made from recycled materials (if they are available) instead of ones made from non-recycled materials.
- _____ 6. Save and sort the following items for recycling:
 - _____ newspapers _____ white paper
 - _____ aluminum _____ tin cans
 - _____ boxes _____ plastic containers
 - _____ glass bottles _____ aluminum foil, trays, and pie plates
- _____ 7. Use a coffee mug at work instead of disposable cups.
- _____ 8. Reuse manila envelopes.
- _____ 9. Use a two-sided copy machine, if available.
- _____ 10. Start your own back yard compost by placing leaves, grass and weeds in it.
- _____ 11. Participate in a community compost project by saving leaves and grass clippings for collection.
- _____ 12. Save and sort used aluminum, paper, plastic, and glass for recycling if:
(check one or more)

_____ someone would pick it up at your curb;
_____ you had to take them to a collection center.

_____ 13. Reuse paper and plastic shopping bags.

_____ 14. Keep tires properly inflated so that they last longer.

_____ 15. Write letters to businesses urging them to do the following: (check one or more)

_____ begin more recycling centers;

_____ sell a greater number of products made from recycled materials;

_____ reduce the amount of packaging they use;

_____ use more recycled materials in the products they make;

_____ make products more easily recyclable.

_____ 16. Write letters to government officials telling them that you support recycling and why.

_____ 17. Support efforts to reduce the volume of waste and recover the energy by incineration of products that cannot be reused or recycled.

_____ 18. Purchase the product with the least amount of wasteful packaging.