

GRADE YOUR GREEN EFFORTS

Tally all of the checkmarks you accumulated
and look below for your green grade.

- 37 checkmarks: A perfect score!!!
You are environmentally amazing!
- 33—36 checkmarks: You get an A!!! You are doing a great job
at helping to create a better environment.
- 28—32 checkmarks: You got a B! You are doing a lot to keep
the environment healthy.
- 25—27 checkmarks: You got a C. You're right in the middle.
What you're doing is great! Try adding a
new environmentally friendly action into
your every month to strengthen your score.
- Less than 24 checkmarks:
Don't get discouraged! Remember anything
you are doing to help the environment
is a step in the right direction. Try a few
of the actions listed on the inside pages
and your score will quickly grow.

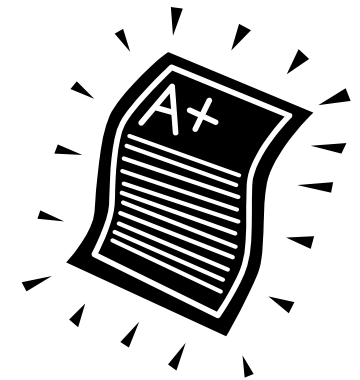
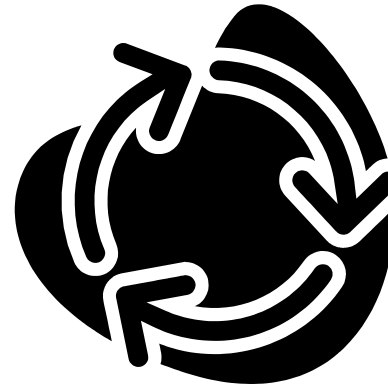
THANK YOU!

We would like to know what people are doing to help the
environment. To participate in our visitor tally, go to
www.columbuszoo.org/new/myhouse.html
and fill in your Green Report Card results.

All answers are anonymous.



Your Green Report Card



SEE WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND
WHAT YOU COULD DO BETTER
TO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT HEALTHIER!

Read the actions under each section. If the action is something you already do, put a checkmark. If you do not do the listed action, leave blank.

AT HOME

- Turn the water off when you brush your teeth
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room
- Recycle metal, plastic and glass
- Recycle paper and cardboard
- Use both sides of paper
- Use rechargeable batteries
- Donate unwanted toys and clothing to charity
- Start a compost bin for organic waste
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper
- Store food in reusable containers, not baggies or plastic wrap
- Use cold water to wash your clothes when you can
- Turn the TV off when you're not in the room

AT THE STORE

- Take canvas bags to the store
- Buy organic food to reduce chemical use
- Buy locally grown food
- Don't buy items wrapped in excess packaging
- Use earth-friendly cleaners, not harsh cleaners

OUTSIDE AND IN YOUR YARD

- Plant species native to your area
- Collect rainwater in a rain barrel for landscape watering
- Use organic fertilizer, or none at all
- Pick up litter when you see it
- Put out birdfeeders and birdseed
- Provide clean water for birds, butterflies and other wildlife
- Use organic and/or humane pest control
- Pull weeds by hand instead of using herbicides
- Provide nesting material for birds (dryer lint, pet hair, string)
- Mulch the garden to conserve water
- Don't plant invasive species in your landscape
- Plant trees and shrubs that provide food and shelter to wildlife

OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS

- Take your lunch in a lunch box, not a paper bag
- Walk or ride a bike instead of driving short distances
- Recycle your car engine oil
- Recycle old car tires
- Dispose of trash in the appropriate container, never litter
- Never make wild animals pets
- Don't pick wildflowers