

GRADE YOUR GREEN EFFORTS

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

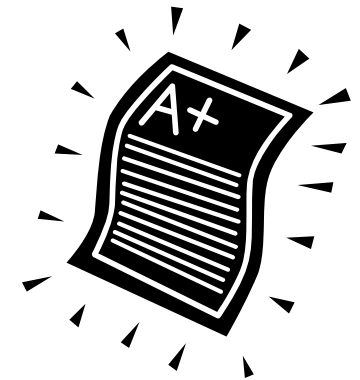
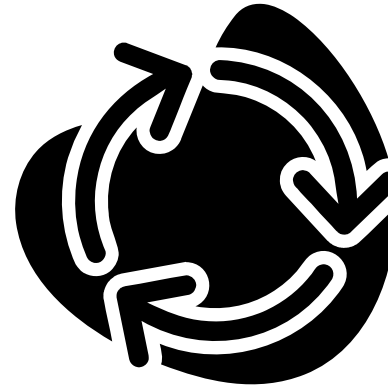
- 37 checkmarks:** A perfect score!!!
You are environmentally amazing!
- 33—36 checkmarks:** You get an A!!! You are doing a great job at helping to create a better environment.
- 28—32 checkmarks:** You got a B! You are doing a lot to keep the environment healthy.
- 25—27 checkmarks:** You got a C. You're right in the middle. What you're doing is great! Try adding a new environmentally friendly action into your life 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

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
- _____ Open your windows on a cool day and turn off your AC