



Project #1: Waste Assessment Project

We all generate waste. You will not be judged on the amount of waste you generate so please try to be as accurate as possible. You will be recording **ALL** of the waste you generate over a three-day period. This includes waste that you generate at home and outside of the home (including food waste). For outside of the home waste we suggest bringing it home with you for accurate counting. For food waste you can assess it by, either recording each food item, or by supplying a total weight collected. It may be wise to separate your food waste, so it doesn't smell. You can freeze food waste in a durable container.

You can decide when to begin your assessment, but it must be **three consecutive days**. Record every product you collect. Include everything individually from straws, saran wrap, coffee cup lids, coffee cup sleeves, fast food wrappers, gum wrappers, food peelings, ink pens, **EVERYTHING!**

Create a spreadsheet that includes the following categories:

- What is the item?
- Where was the waste generated: at home or outside of the home
- How many of that particular item is there in your waste?
- Whether the item is: Reusable, Recyclable, Compostable, Landfill
- How can I avoid this waste? (ex: if a straw was in your waste pile the way to avoid it would be a reusable straw or choose not to use one, etc.)

Here is a small example:

Item	Where was the waste generated: Home or Outside?	How many?	Is it reusable, recyclable, compostable, or landfill	How can I avoid this waste?
Banana peel	Home	1	Compostable	Compost at home or with LACompost

Insulated Coffee Cups	Outside	2	Landfill	Bring reusable coffee cup or make some coffee at home
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DUE DATES:

If your workshop is on Monday: 10/25/2021

If your workshop is on Tuesday: 10/26/2021

If your workshop is on Wednesday: 10/27/2021

Turn this project in via email to your workshop leader/s.

Please contact your workshop leaders if you have any questions.