

Solid Waste Assessment

Directions: Working in groups of 3-4, collect garbage around the school. Each person must collect at least 10 items.

One person should hold the bag, one person record the items as the others put the items in the bag. Switch jobs so that everyone collects at least 10 items each.

Bring garbage bag to class and deposit garbage in can. Record the 10 items you collected on the back of this sheet. Each individual should answer the following questions:

- 1) What materials were the items you collected made of?**

- 2) Which materials were renewable resources?**

- 3) Which materials were nonrenewable resources?**

- 4) Which items were biodegradable?**

- 5) Which items were recyclable?**

- 6) From your experience, what kind of garbage is filling up the landfills?**

- 7) What can be done to help solve the problem of garbage?**

- 8) Why do people leave their trash around and not throw it away?**

- 9) Why don't people recycle?**