

BAG YOURSELF A BETTER ENVIRONMENT

HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC BAG SURVEY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

How many plastic bags do you think your house collects each week?

How are plastic bags used in your house?

How many plastic bags do you see littering the streets where you live?

You can answer these questions and help Clean Up Australia to Bag Yourself A Better Environment by simply filling out this form over 1 week. Heres how easy it is:

1. Ask an adult (mum, dad, grandma, brother etc) in the house to help you.
2. You need to keep track of plastic shopping bags. These are the bags that are used by supermarkets, takeaway stores, service stations etc and they have a 'crinkly' feel.
3. Ask the adult in your house to keep them for you each day in a special spot so you can count them when you get home from school.
4. Fill this form out each day. All you need to do is put a number under each day and then add the number together for a total at the end of the week.
5. Once this is finished, fill in your name and other details and mail back to Clean Up Australia. You will then go into a draw to win a digital camera for your school.
6. Make sure you send this in before Thursday 17th of April 2003.

You are now ready to go – Have Fun!!

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Day you started survey _____ Day you will finish survey _____

1. Collect all of the plastic bags currently in your house (hidden in the cupboard, kitchen draw etc). How many plastic bags are there in your house at the start of the week?

_____ (Write the number here)

2. Before starting this, how many plastic bags do you think your house will collect this week?

_____ (Write the number here)

3. **Plastic Bag Diary.** Pease complete each day and total at the end of the week.

Item to Measure	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Total
1. Number of plastic bags received .								
2. Number of plastic bags reused *								
3. Number of plastic bags used as bin liners.								
4. Number of plastic bags taken back for recycling **								
5. Number of alternative bags used ie calico / paper etc								
6. How many plastic bags did you see as litter on the way home from school?								

* Reusing plastic bags includes using them again at the supermarket, to freeze food, pack lunches, store clothing etc. Using plastic bags as bin liners is not classified as a reuse.

** Central collection point includes plastic bag recycling bins at all Coles, Woolworths and Bi-Lo stores.

4. Now that you have finished the survey, were you surprised with how many plastic bags your house collected during this week?

Yes / No (please circle)

5. Now that you have completed this survey, what do you think you can do in your house to reduce number of plastic bags used and increase recycling.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Please complete the following details:

Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please mail or fax this form to Clean Up Australia by **Thursday 17 April 2003** at the following address:

Clean Up Australia
Plastic Bag Survey
18 Bridge Road
GLEBE NSW 2037

Fax: 02 9552 4468