

What a Waste! Homework audit

Your homework task is to keep a record of how much **food packaging** your family throws away or recycles over five days using the audit on the following pages.

There is space in the audit for tracking four types of food packaging: plastic, metal, card/paper and glass (or your teacher might have asked you to track one type in particular e.g plastic).

If you're not sure what material an item of packaging is, try to work it out from analysing the properties of the material. If you're not sure whether it's recyclable in your area, have a look at recyclenow.com to find out.

IMPORTANT: You will need some weighing scales to complete the audit.

As well as tracking the quantity for each material your family throws away or recycles, you will also be recording the **total weight** and **average weight** for each over the five days.

Note: It doesn't matter if you monitor the amount over consecutive days or five separate days over the week.



TOP TIP! Stick the What a Waste homework audit somewhere near the bin, so you remember to log each item of food packaging.



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	Material	Card/paper (write down what type e.g. cereal packet)	Total quantity	Total weight	Average weight