

Household Code or Name: _____

DRAFT (to be written with any special instructions for your community)

Thank you for participating in our project. We are trying to get an idea of how much waste is disposed by households in our community. This information will be used to plan how to deal with our wastes so that our community health and environment are better protected.

Beginning in the morning, please use the bags we have given you in place of your normal trash bags for **5 days**. Include only the trash that normally goes to the dump. Do not include wastes that you do not discard in your trash (e.g. food scraps for the dogs).

There are three different bags. The bag labeled "Food Waste" is for **food waste only** (for example: food scraps, fish wastes, solid fats, etc.) or wrappers that are difficult to separate from the food. The other bag is for all **other waste**, including recyclables (recyclables will be separated out later and recycled). The third bag is for bathroom or "illness" wastes like Kleenex, Band-Aids, etc., please keep these in their own small plastic bags, and then place them in the big bag. Please do not include any **diapers**. Dispose of diapers at the dump or normal trash container - **not in these bags**. Please try to keep track of how many you used, and write the number below.

1. If an object you are throwing out is too large to fit in a bag, write down what the name of the object is in the space below, and discard as usual.
2. If a bag gets filled up before 5 days, stop using it. Write down the number of days the bag was used in the space below.
3. At the end of the 5 days, we will come around to pick up your bags.

If you have any questions, please contact _____.

Thank you for your help!

Please write down how many household guests stayed over during these days, and for how many days _____

Number of days you used the trash bags _____

Objects that didn't fit in the bags _____

Estimated number of diapers _____