

## Grade Your Green Efforts

Count the checkmarks and look below for your green grade.

**37** = A perfect score – A+!! You are environmentally amazing!

**33-36** = You get an A!! You are doing a great job at helping to create a better environment.

**28-32** = You get a B. You are doing a lot to keep the environment healthy.

**25-27** = You get a C. You're right in the middle. What you are doing is great! Try adding a new environmentally friendly action into your life every month to beef up your score.

**24 or less** = Don't get discouraged! Remember anything you are doing to help the environment is a step in the right direction. Try a few of the actions listed on the report card and your score will quickly grow.

**Your Score:**



**Ohio**

Environmental  
Protection Agency

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## Green Report Card

What's your grade? See what you are doing, what you could do better, and discover new ways you can help the environment.

Read the actions under each section. If the action is something you already do, put a checkmark. When you're done, count the checkmarks to get your grade.

### At Home

- Turn the water off when you brush your teeth?
- Turn off the lights when you leave the room?
- Recycle metal, plastic and glass?
- Recycle paper and cardboard?
- Use both sides of a piece of paper before putting it in the recycle bin/trash?
- Use rechargeable batteries?
- Donate unwanted toys and clothing to charity?
- Start a compost bin for organic waste?
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper?
- Store food in reusable containers, not baggies or plastic wrap?
- Use cold water to wash your clothes when you can?
- Turn the TV off when you are not in the room?

### At the Store

- Take canvas bags to the store instead of using paper or plastic bags?
- Buy organic food to reduce chemical use?
- Buy locally grown food?
- Avoid buying items wrapped in excess packaging?
- Use earth-friendly cleaners?

### Outside and in Your Yard

- Plant species native to your area?
- Collect rainwater in a rain barrel for landscape watering?
- Use organic fertilizer, or none at all?
- Pick up litter when you see it?
- Put out bird feeders and birdseed?
- Provide clean water for birds, butterflies and other wildlife?
- Use organic and/or humane pest control?
- Pull weeds by hand instead of using herbicides?
- Provide nesting material for the birds (dryer lint, pet hair, string)?
- Mulch your gardens to conserve water?
- Avoid planting invasive species in your landscape?
- Plant trees and shrubs that provide food and shelter to wildlife?

### Other Environmental Actions

- Take your lunch in a lunch box instead of a paper bag?
- Walk or ride your bike instead of driving short distances?
- Recycle your car's engine oil?
- Spread the word-encourage friends and family to help the environment?
- Dispose of trash in the appropriate container?
- Never make wild animals pets?
- Never pick wildflowers?
- Open your windows on a cool summer day and turn off your air conditioner?