

# What a Waste! Homework audit

Are you ready to be a Waste Detective? Do you know how much food packaging you throw away or recycle at home? In this homework exercise, you're going to find out!

## What's an audit?

An audit is the name for a form that tracks how many items you've counted.

Your homework task is to monitor how much **food packaging** your family throws away or recycles over **three 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. If you're not sure what something is made from, ask an adult for help.

Remember to practise writing your results as a tally, like you learnt in class. Instead of 5, write **||||**.

It doesn't matter if you monitor the amount over 'consecutive' days (this means three days in a row) or three separate days over the week.

**Health and safety!** Don't touch the waste or recycling without a grown-up's help.

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



## Examples of food packaging



Remember all the different types of food packaging you learnt about in class? These are the types of food packaging waste we want you to track in your audit.

It's now time to **take the audit** on the next page!

| Day<br>Material  | Day 1      |         | Day 2      |         | Day 3      |         |
|--|------------|---------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|  | Throw away | Recycle | Throw away | Recycle | Throw away | Recycle |
| <b>Plastic</b><br>(write down<br>what type<br>e.g. yoghurt<br>pot) |            |         |            |         |            |         |
| <b>Glass</b><br>(write down<br>what type<br>e.g. sauce<br>jar)     |            |         |            |         |            |         |

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|   | Throw away | Recycle | Throw away | Recycle | Throw away | Recycle |
| <b>Metal</b><br>(write down<br>what type<br>e.g.<br>beans tin)          |            |         |            |         |            |         |
| <b>Card/paper</b><br>(write down<br>what type<br>e.g. cereal<br>packet) |            |         |            |         |            |         |