



# Eco-Schools USA at Home: Transportation

HOW-TO ASSESS TRANSPORTATION AT HOME

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## WHY THINK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

We all use various forms of transportation to get around. Some of us walk, some bike, some use public transportation or a private vehicle. Our community transportation choices have an impact on the environment and our health. This section will help you assess the transportation choices people in your community are making and help you identify alternatives. Please feel free to add or edit questions so that it makes sense for your family, school, and the local community.

## MATERIALS

- Eco-Schools USA at Home Audit and Action Plan
- Notebook and writing materials
- Internet access (optional printer)
- Review each lesson for a lesson-specific materials list.

## GUIDING QUESTIONS

Researching the answers to these questions will help you understand the topic better.

- 1) Why do we need transportation?
- 2) Why is transportation important to people, cities, and towns?
- 3) How does transportation impact the environment?

## STEP BY STEP

- 1) Read through the *Eco-Schools USA at Home Transportation Audit and Action Plan* and decide on dates to conduct research for your audit. This will help determine the length of your project. We encourage you to let your teacher know you are starting this project!
- 2) Use the *Transportation Audit*. You will need a pencil, something hard to write on. If you cannot print the worksheet, use scratch or notebook paper to create your chart.
- 3) Make an action plan to address transportation issues you discovered with your family, using the template provided.
- 4) After implementing your action plan, conduct a post-action audit, and share your results with your teacher, extended family, and or the local community.