## GUIDE TO "GIVE YOUR CAR A BREAK - TRIP LOG"

## Help clean the air by avoiding miles driven in cars!



**Car trip miles** are the number of miles your car goes on a trip. Record this in the first column whenever you take a trip in a car.

Carpooling is when the car is driven for more than one person. If a car driver takes you and two friends to a movie 5 miles away and 5 back, you used 10 car miles for yourself and saved 10 car miles for each extra rider (10+10=20)! You would enter 10 miles in the *car trip* column and 20 in *the carpool* column. The driver and first student passenger are considered to be essential, and therefore, not extra people.

Combining Trips is like carpooling. If several purposes are accomplished with one car trip, record the total car trip miles and multiply by the number of extra purposes. If you go shopping on the way to visiting relatives, you had one extra purpose. If the total trip is 20 miles, enter 20 in the *car trip* column and 20 miles in the *combined trip* column.

**Buses** travel whether or not you use them. Any trip you take by bus is a car trip saved and saves pollution. Enter the distance of your bus trip in the *bus* column.







**Biking and Walking** don't pollute, provide freedom from cars, and increase strength and health. Engines run poorly until warmed up, so saving short trips reduces extra pollution per mile. For any biking or walking trip, round up to the nearest mile and enter in the *biking* or *walking* column.

**Other** If you save driving miles by using a different method write it down and include the miles you saved in the "other" column. Skateboarding and rollerblading are great fun ways to get around. Phoning ahead can avoiding wasting trips, save time, money, and pollution.



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C:	ve Your Car a Break	All Car			Saved	Trips		
GIV		Trips	Carpool	Combined	Bus/Train	Bike	Walk	Other
	- Trip Log- (Log miles saved)							47
Day	How you got where	Miles for every car trip	Trip miles x extra people	Trip miles x extra purposes	Trip miles	Trip miles rounded up	Trip miles rounded up	New way to save
Monday	Rode bus to school and back				4			
	Rode car to friend's, store, and movies	25		x 2 = 50				
	Phoned to learn didn't need to go shopping							12
Tuesday	Rode car to school (one way)	2		· C				
	Took bus home from school		40		2			
	Biked to ballfield and back					4		
Wednesday	Took bus to school and back				4			
	Walked to the store and back	יכ				1		
Thursday	Walked to school and back						4	
	Rode car to go bowling with 3 friends.	7	x 3 = 21					
	Total Car Miles	34						
	SAVED	Car Miles!	21	50	10	5	4	12

Each row represents a trip, or a trip and back.

In the spring of 2001, 1,250 Students from the Pioneer Valley in Massachusetts documented saving enough vehicle miles to go around the Earth 3.7 times, in one week, avoiding the production of 42 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>!

According to the

EPA, driving a car

is the single most

polluting thing

Americans do. In addition to

pollution, each gallon of gas

burned produces

20 pounds of

carbon dioxide

(CO2), a green-

house gas, widely believed to

contribute to

global warming.

The average vehicle produces

.9 lbs of CO, per

mile.

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	- Trip Log- (Log miles saved)							
		Miles for	Trip miles		Trip miles	Trip miles	Trip miles	New way
Day	How you got where	every car trip	x extra people	x extra purposes		rounded up	rounded up	to save miles
	Total Car Miles							
	Total SAVED Car Miles!	Car Miles!						

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