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## Family CO<sub>2</sub> Contribution Worksheet

Use the following worksheet to calculate your family's yearly contribution of  $CO_2$  to the atmosphere. Begin by referring to the Vehicle  $CO_2$  Usage chart (top). This chart lists the gas mileage and  $CO_2$  production per gallon for different types of vehicles.

Next, determine how many miles are driven and how many gallons of gas are used by each vehicle in your family, and record those numbers in the Family  $CO_2$  Contribution chart (bottom). Then calculate how many pounds of  $CO_2$  are produced each week by your family's vehicles. Finally, multiply that number by 52 to determine the total number of pounds of  $CO_2$  produced in one year.

| Vehicle CO <sub>2</sub> Usage |                             |   |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| Type of Vehicle               | Miles per Gallon of Gas (G) | Lbs. of CO <sub>2</sub> Produced per<br>Gallon of Gas |  |  |
| Compact car                   | 24                          | 20  |  |  |
| Large car or sedan            | 20                          | 20  |  |  |
| SUV or Truck                  | 13                          | 21  |  |  |
| Bus                           | 8                           | 22  |  |  |

| Family CO <sub>2</sub> Contribution  |                              |                                       |   |  |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Type of Vehicle</b><br>(compact car, large<br>car or sedan, SUV or<br>truck, bus) | Miles Driven per<br>Week (M) | Gallons of Gas Used<br>per Week (M/G) | Lbs. of CO <sub>2</sub><br>Produced per<br>Week |  |
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| Total Lbs. of CO <sub>2</sub> Produced per Week                                      |                              |                                       |   |  |
| Total Lbs. of CO <sub>2</sub> Produced per Year                                      |                              |                                       |   |  |

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