

Name Date

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Each year, the United States produces enough trash to fill enough garbage trucks to reach halfway to the moon! In 2003, each American produced about 4.5 pounds of garbage per day. Where does all that waste go? How can we reduce the amount of garbage we make? Think about these questions as you complete the chart below.

Object	The number of times I use this object in one month	The number of times I reuse this object in one month	The time it takes for this object to decay in a landfill	One way that I can use this object more efficiently	Another use for this object
Paper bag			30 days		
Plastic bag			1,000 years		
Aluminum can			200 to 500 years		
Styrofoam cup			1 million years or more		
Glass bottle			1 million years or more		