



Scavenger Hunt - *Environmental Justice*

First, write down the city and state where you live:

Next, take a 5-10 minute walk around your neighborhood with a grownup (make sure to wear a mask if you'll be around others!) and try to find the following items. You can also choose to stay inside your home and find items in your building or outside your window. Remember that the purpose of this scavenger hunt is to start thinking about ways to make your local environment even happier and healthier!

Note: if you don't have a printer at home, you can write down these questions and take them on the scavenger hunt with you!



On your walk...

Tally the number of trees you see: -----

Do you see any water? What kind(s)? -----

- Examples: A lake, the ocean, sprinklers, a water fountain, a sewer, or your sink!

Tally the number of pieces of litter that you see: -----

- Examples: a chip bag, a water bottle, and takeout containers!

Tally the number of waste bins you see in each of these categories:

Trash

Compost

Recycling

- Remember that your town or city might not have all of these waste disposal options, and that's ok!





Do you see any green spaces? List them: _____

- Examples: parks, playgrounds, lawns, fields, and gardens.

Write a check mark if you see any of the following in your neighborhood:

Sidewalks

Bike lane

Public transportation
(bus stop, subway, train tracks)

Do you see any empty lots? Circle one: Yes No

- An empty lot is any space that doesn't have anything built on it. It could be empty or filled with weeds.

Tally the number of times you see each of the following places where food is sold:

Grocery store

farmers market

fruit stand

corner store/bodega

Use the space below to list anything else about your neighborhood that you find interesting!

- Examples: a school, a museum, a community garden, a sculpture or statue, a community center, and a zoo.



Between now and the next video, look at the data you collected above and try to think about one or two things in your environment that you wish were different. For example, maybe you wish there were more trees, or a community garden, a bus stop, or a playground nearby. Collecting data like this is the first step in advocacy, which means making a difference in your community!

