

Accounting 484: Environmental Accounting

Environmental Audit Project —Part I

You will be conducting a household environmental assessment and audit this quarter. The first steps will be discussed in class on April 4. Your assignment (Part I) should include the following:

An analysis of inputs, leakages, and outputs.

From the above analysis, four do-able goals between now and May 23.

Some benchmarks—what is your starting point?

Metrics for each goal to help you determine if you have met your goals.

Some websites to explore for this project:

<http://ecofoot.org/>

<http://www.carbonneutral.com/shop/>

<http://www.nef.org.uk/greencompany/co2calculator.htm>

Environmental Auditing Project -- Part II

Report and Reflect

1. The first part of this assignment is to report on the results of your environmental audit process. Talk about your goals and your metrics. Report how you did in achieving your goals.
2. The second part of this assignment is to reflect on the project. Were there any obstacles to meeting your goals? Were the metrics helpful to the process of meeting the goals? How would you do things differently if you had it to do again? As part of your reflection, did you get any insights on the ways in which metrics assist in organizational change? What else might be necessary to facilitate a household or organization in becoming sustainable? Are there any other insights you have from the process?

NOTE: Make sure that you turn in your original Part 1 with your paper.