

Meet Our Contestants!



First up are **Carrie and Glenn Gesell with their three children**. Their son Andrew is on the Green Team at his school and the contest “should reinforce his efforts at home,” says Carrie. “I think our family does a pretty good job of recycling already, but I am interested in seeing how much of a difference the food scrap recycling can make... And we are always up for a little friendly competition!”

Next up we have **Bonnie and Rob Nichols**. The Nichols are a dedicated recycling family, as they already compost their food, divide the paper into paper waste (as opposed to garbage) and recycle all their aluminum and plastics. Even so, they’re not satisfied with leaving their recycling habits at that. “I see this as a personal challenge to find other ways to improve and to get our kids into it too! We want to learn about what we can recycle,” Bonnie says.





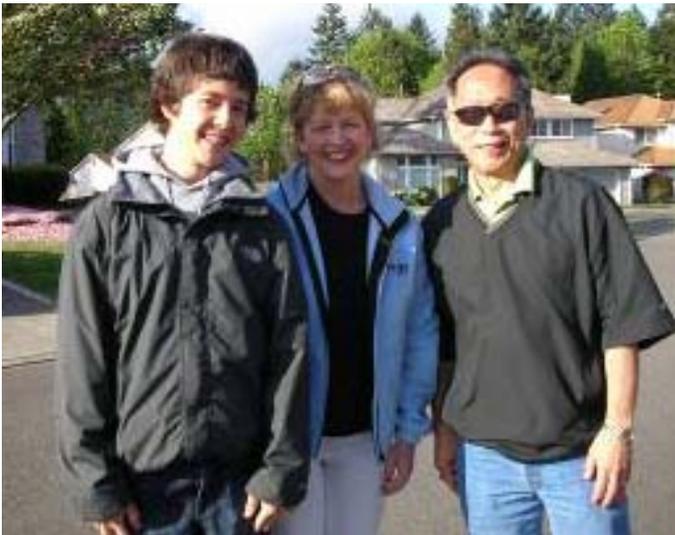
Rebecca and James Gallagher are also participating in the challenge. Like the Nichols, they already recycle, but want to learn how to do more. Rebecca says, “We have always been avid recyclers, but we want to learn how to put even less waste

in our garbage can, and more in our recycling containers!”

Baiba and Joe Rubino are the rookies in this friendly competition. Since becoming a stay-at-home mother, Baiba has seen firsthand how much waste a family can generate. Baiba says, “I am sometimes unsure about what I can recycle, and am looking forward to further educate myself. I also am into healthy competition so this is a win-win situation!” It looks like the Gesells may have to watch out for another competitive family in the mix!



Like the Nichols, the **Kawamoto family—Karen, Stan and their son**—are already conscientious recyclers and waste-reducers. “Recycling is so simple and can keep so much extra garbage out of our landfills,” Karen says. “People seem so quick to throw things out and don’t realize they might be able to give good re-usable items to Goodwill or Salvation Army and recycle recyclable items in their proper places.”



Last, but certainly not least, we have **Brenda and Bryan Collons with their two lovely daughters.** “We want to learn about what we can recycle. I’m excited to put food in yard waste instead of the disposal,” Brenda enthuses.

