

# Taxes and Services

For the next 48 hours, you will record the following information:

- Dollar amounts of taxes paid by you or a family member. For example, sales tax on products and food or excise taxes on gasoline or tobacco products. Do not include income or Social Security taxes. If necessary, use the back of the handout for additional space.
- Note: If you filled your car with 15 gallons of gasoline, figure out the excise tax. Multiply it by the number of gallons of gasoline, and that will give you the dollar amount of taxes paid.
- All services you and your family use that were provided through taxes such as streets, traffic signals, water and your education.
- Record the information and total the cost of taxes recorded. You will be sharing your findings with the class.
- Refer to <http://www.window.state.tx.us/> for additional assistance on tax information.

Consumer product	Dollar amount of tax paid	Type of tax: federal, state or local
shopping for clothes	3.89	State and local
<b>Total</b>		

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Services used by you or your family that were provided through taxes. Underline the services used.

1. Streets to travel to work, school, church and shopping
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.
- 11.
- 12.
- 13.
- 14.
- 15.

How is the consumer affected by tax laws and the U.S. economy?

Revenue from taxes benefit individuals and families by:

How do government regulations protect the rights of consumers?