# **Taming Bigfoot Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Can we use different recording periods?

We discourage this. If there is a strong reason why, contact the organizers. The calculations won’t be invalidated, but there is a desire for everyone to use the same time periods.

1. How do we count kilowatt hours (kwh) if we don’t get a bill in time?

Either read your meter or use the new SmartHub tool on the PUD website. Refer to the presentation file from the Kick-Off meeting, at this link.

1. How to include solar generated electricity

Self-generated power that is used yourself should not be counted. Self-generated power that is sold back to PUD can be counted as a credit.

1. Do we need more than one data sheet per household?

One data sheet per participant. We need to have separate data for every participant since there are some competitions between different team member “types” (i.e., the 1-2 person household person, the lives in PT person, etc.)

1. Should we all fill our gas tanks at the beginning of a data period?

This would make it simpler for you so we encourage that method of monitoring fuel use.

1. Does garbage include yard waste?

No, since it is composted at the transfer station.

1. Does garbage include pet waste?

Yes, if it is included in your garbage.

1. Do we capture packaging in purchases that are shipped?

No. We decided there was no simple way to account for this area of shopping

1. Does venison count as red meat?

Only red meat (mammals, not poultry or fish) that is purchased in a store is counted. This includes local or non-local grass-fed beef.

1. Are used books to be included in reading material?

No. Newly produced reading material is all that is counted.

1. Should magazines be included in reading material?

Yes, if new, as well as newsletters or other new printed material.

1. How can an individual team member know their personal CO2e production numbers?

Download the ‘[Bigfoot\_Calculator’](http://l2020.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Bigfoot_Calculator_Protected_1Jan2016.xlsx) from the web page, or ask your team recorder to send you the team Excel sheet.

1. Can the spreadsheet be filled out on-line (on the website)?

The spreadsheet cannot be filled out on-line. The Data Reporting sheet can be downloaded as either .doc or .pdf. The doc. File could be filled out on a computer and e-mailed to the team recorder. The pdf could be printed out and filled in by hand, scanned and emailed to the recorder, or handed to them.

1. How do we count food purchase for pets & farm animals?

Your pet is part of your footprint, and should be included under the FOOD category. Purchases for a pet that is shared should be divided by the number of pet owners.

1. What if we travel?

You should capture the food you eat, transportation, etc. as accurately as possible. (You don't need to attempt to capture the electricity and water used at hotels, etc.)

1. Should farmed fish count as "store purchased meat"?

Yes (based on input from the Co-op team!)

1. How should I account for solar panels?

For those with solar panels you should record the electricity purchased from the PUD minus the electricity sold to the PUD each month. There is no credit for surplus solar-generated electricity from last summer.

1. Are bread and other bakery goods baked locally considered local food?

Yes.