**Market Basket Measure**

Canada’s poverty line is based on the Market Basket Measure. This is the cost of food, clothing, housing, transportation, and other items for individuals and families representing a modest, basic standard of living. The current poverty line is $48,000 for a family of four living in Vancouver. If you divide this amount by 365 days in a year, the poverty line become $95 a day for a family of four.

Calculate the following costs for your family over one month.

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| Food |  |
| Housing |  |
| Utilities (including electricity, heat, water) |  |
| Transportation |  |
| Clothing |  |
| Communication (cell phone & internet) |  |
| Extra-curricular activities |  |
| Entertainment |  |
| MONTHLY TOTAL |  |
| DAILY ESTIMATE (divide monthly total by 30) |  |

If your family had to live on less than $95 a day, what would become most important? What would you have to give up?