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Hi Jeanne,

You mentioned zero waste- I am also really excited about the concept. I've read about some inspiring people who reduced their possessions to 100 items, No Impact Man and the Zero Waste Family. Have you read about the Johnson family in California?

Zero Waste Family:

<http://www.sunset.com/home/natural-home/zero-waste-home-0111-00418000069984/>

Link to video:

<http://www.casasugar.com/Video-Zero-Waste-Family-From-Sunset-Magazine-14829680>

It's fun and sort of addicting to make some of the changes. I have a long, long way to go but I'm striving to improve my lifestyle. I sold some of my extra dishes- I had a set of **12** and I live in a studio apartment. I'm composting with worms on my apartment rooftop patio. For my green roof meeting last year I used Preserve green plates and cups and provided a bin with a sign explaining that the dishes would be washed and reused (and eventually recycled). Willy Street donated iced tea in large glass jugs that could be reused or recycled (or returned?).

With compostable cups and plates (I think flatware is available but harder to find) and clear signage I think zero waste events can be the rule and not the exception. Capitol Brewery sells plastic souvenir beer mugs for some events (refills are discounted). Assuming the plastic can eventually be recycled, it's another good model.

Anyway, I wrote to the Healthy Lawn Team Board and we'll submit some suggestions for including the topic of reducing pesticides to the Sustainability Plan. I'm sorry to be chiming in so late. I do care and really want to help if I can.

Thanks,

Danna