



Greetings!

RUBBISH, RECYCLING, AND ZERO WASTE



There's recycling and then there's recycling! This Japanese village has set a goal of zero waste by 2020. This entails 45 categories of stuff to separate. *"The sheer inconvenience of the process can act as a deterrent to excess*

consumption in the first place." [Great story and pictures](#) of these inspiring and dedicated champions of the Earth.

Norway's success in plastic recycling can be a model for the world

97% of all plastic drinks bottles in Norway are recycled. The CEO of Infinitem, which runs Norway's deposit return scheme for plastic bottles and cans, says some of the material has been recycled more than 50 times already. Less than 1% of



Good news, insights and action for positive change

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- PERSIST
- INSIST
- PROTECT
- DEFEND
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- GUIDE
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"Imagine"
John Lennon

Justice is what love looks like in public.
Cornel West

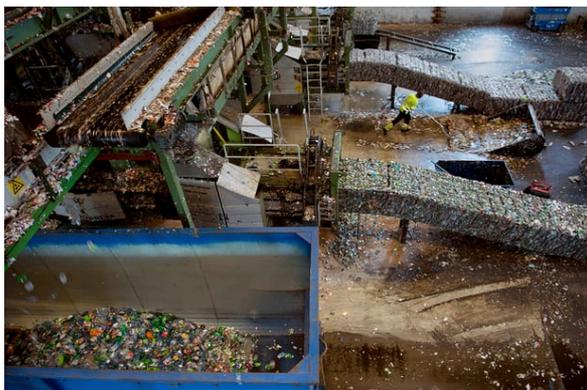
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Because I always have a choice, I choose love.
Deepak Chopra

*Come, Come, whoever you are.
Ours is not a caravan of despair. --Rumi*

Norway's plastic bottles end up in the environment.

The Norwegian system is simple. The government places an environmental tax on all producers of plastic bottles. For the customer the deal is equally straightforward. A deposit of 10p to 25p depending on size is paid on each bottle.



People can then return it to a machine or over the counter where they bought it. A barcode is read and they are handed a coupon or cash. [Here's the story and photos.](#)

The Scoop on Recycling

Recycling is the third "R," after Reduce and Reuse

Americans recycle about 66 million tons of material each year. We all hope that what we recycle really does get recycled, but this year the major player in accepting our recycled exports, China, has sharply restricted what they will take. "All of a sudden material collected on the street doesn't have a place to go." [Here's the messy situation](#), and what we can do to lighten our load on Earth.



Most of us recycle, right? And as yet we're not sorting into 45 categories. I often puzzle over a piece of plastic and wonder if it can be recycled or not. Or IF it gets recycled. [Take this quiz](#) that may inform where you put what. And here's [a handy guide](#) to determine if

we are "aspirational recyclists" and to help sort out the right stuff. We also need to be aware of contamination that affects what's recycled, or not.

Because we love the Earth at least as much as we love our old iPhones . . . Manufacturers like Amazon and Apple, and retailers like Staples and Best Buy offer programs for recycling our devices. [A very useful guide here.](#)



Every single person on this earth has the power to change the world.

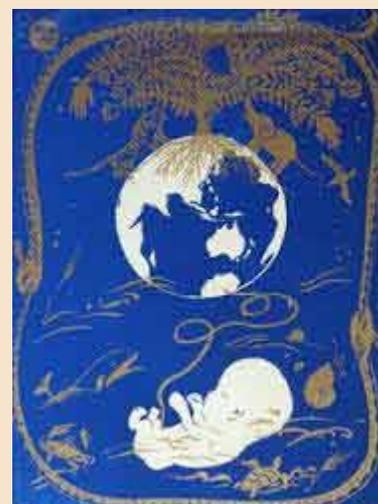
*Emma Thompson
Actress and Activist*

When the people lead, the leaders follow.

Gandhi



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[For the Love of Earth](#)

David Korten

A new way to look at how we might heal and regenerate our Earth. Great article.

[Our Global Ecological Footprint and Earth Overshoot Day 2017](#)

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[Climate Change or System Change?](#)
by Local Futures

The Global Climate Action Summit
Sept 12-14, The Moscone Center, San Francisco



An international coalition of non-state actors (individuals and organization not affiliated with government) are sponsoring a summit of workshops, panels, speakers and events to celebrate the climate action achievements of states, regions, cities, companies, investors and citizens, and to reaffirm the worldwide commitment to accelerated action to address climate change. Topics include Healthy Energy Systems, Inclusive Economic Growth, Land and Ocean Stewardship, Transformative Climate Investments and Sustainable Communities. [Global Climate Action Summit.org](http://GlobalClimateActionSummit.org)

and

Sept. 8 is the Rise for Climate, Jobs and Justice March

As a prelude to the Summit worldwide marches are planned to demonstrate people's commitment to climate action. This is an issue that affects all of us in every sector of life, so I'm particularly glad to see the inclusion of Jobs and Justice from the [Peoples Climate Movement](http://PeoplesClimateMovement.org). To look for an event near you go to [Rise for Climate.org](http://RiseforClimate.org).

This article, ["If You Care about Climate Change You Should Care About Anti-Immigration Policy"](#) explains how climate change relates to all work for a just and sustainable world. As many have said, **a just world IS a sustainable world.**

WISDOM FOR OUR TIMES



Eleanor
Roosevelt

*Use it up
Wear it out
Make it do
Do without.*

Those who say it can't be done are

**UPLIFTING STORIES &
INNOVATIONS**



Back in the USA
[Boulder, Co](#) is now [keeping 51% of its waste out of the landfill.](#)



**FAVORITE
RESOURCES**

350.org

[Climate Reality Project](#)

[The Small Planet Institute](#)

[Local Futures](#)

[Network of Spiritual Progressives](#)

[Project Heaven on Earth](#)

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[The Optimist Daily](#)

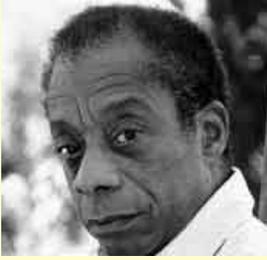
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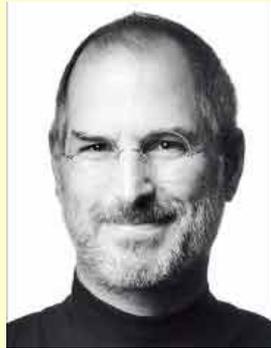


**What are
we consuming?**



James Baldwin

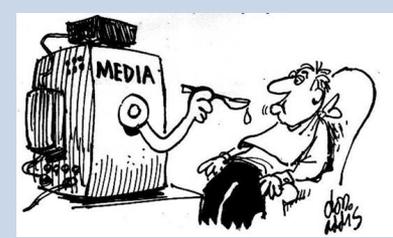
usually interrupted by those doing it.



Steve Jobs

Apple's core value is that we believe people with passion can change the world for the better. Those people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who actually

do



And I don't just mean food or stuff. Let's talk about what we consume with our eyes and ears. We need to ask important questions about whatever it is we're consuming. Read [my monthly column](#) for these questions. Also **The Butterfly Effect** and **What's Your Tipping Point?**



BUILDING BRIDGES

The bridge to the left is in central Vietnam. It is one of several remarkable footbridges in the world.

[See photos and article here](#)

Bridges



May we build all kinds of beautiful bridges
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