

Essay

PICK UP THE PACE TO ZERO WASTE

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The environment may be viewed as “the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates”. It is special and is one of our most important resources. However, many of us do not pay keen attention to this fact and we are destroying our environment. This needs to stop now. In order to stop the destruction of our environment I believe that it is wise for us to pick up the pace to zero waste.

We can pick up the pace to zero waste in many ways. The first thing I think that we should do is talk to the residents in every community. We can let them assemble in small groups and tell them how they can move towards zero waste. For example, we can conserve water. We can catch water in pans and use some to wash and the rest to rinse our plates. Then the water that was used to rinse the plates can be used to water our plants, bathe our dog or help to wash our car.

Dumping solid waste of all types into the streets, gullies and other unsuitable places is done quite often these days. A lot of this waste is washed into the sea when it rains and the fishes such as the parrot fish eat it and we humans eat the fish and may end up with illnesses. This does not have to be so. Proper disposal methods can be used. We can join Solid Waste Companies who are trying their best to recycle bottles, paper and plastic. In addition, we can participate in competitions like this that has exposed us to ways in which we collect plastic bottles and get them recycled. Separating our garbage is a good way of reducing waste. Instead of throwing things like fruit peels and stale vegetables into areas where they can affect the environment, they can be used to create a compost that produces very good natural nutrients for the earth.

Conserving energy is very important. When we do things like turning off the lights when they are not in use and plugging in appliances only when they are needed we help to prevent global warming from getting worse. Global warming causes climate change which has impacts such as stronger hurricanes and heat waves. Disasters like hurricanes and heat stroke can be life threatening and causes the loss of life and property. Therefore, we should not waste energy.

When we look at the how we live today, it is clear that our future may not be very bright if we do not take better care of our environment. We need to find ways of living in unity with our environment. Using edible knives and forks like the Indians and eating from calabashes like the Rastafarians are eco-friendly options. If we do these things we will be creating a better earth for our children and our children and our children's children. So, let us pick up the pace to zero waste.