

## Katie Deuel's (unbiased) ideas on what you can do to work towards zero waste and help manage the climate crisis

1. You can despair. Not recommended. Better to ACT!
2. Educate yourself! There are many resources (this is a small sampling):  
Join the [ZW Missoula Listserv](#) (and here's the [ZW Missoula](#) page on 0x50),  
Get [Home ReSourcery](#), Home ReSource's monthly newsletter, follow [Green Yes!](#) (Zero waste USA) , [C40 knowledge hub](#) (for cities transitioning to a circular economy). Watch a movie: [The Story of Stuff](#) and [The Story of Plastic](#) are good starts.
3. Volunteer!!! Get involved in your community conservation and social justice groups
4. Take the 10% challenge - figure out how to reduce your waste 10% this year, then do it next year and the next and...
5. Refuse/Reduce - use less stuff. Buy less, esp less plastic. Buy reused.
6. Put Zero Waste systems in your home or office
7. The small things count: Refuse a straw, bring your own bags, eat leftovers/reduce food waste
8. DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP! We all waste sometimes - its our culture. Celebrate your successes instead of worrying about what you miss.
9. Demand services from government and businesses.
10. Write an article for our sustainable Missoula column - or several - contact [Sarah@homereource.org](mailto:Sarah@homereource.org)
11. All home REsource's programs are designed to be scalable and replicable. Replicate them! Borrow and steal. We are happy to help and answer questions.
12. Scale them up! Make us proud.
13. Talk to people - tell them what is possible, tell them what's at stake. Remind them that every bit helps
14. You are making a difference! So take care of yourself - we need you. Thanks for being part of our community..