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Did you know that the average lawn uses 88 gallons of water per day? This week TreeHuggerTV joins Fritz Haeg to find out more about his Edible Estates project. Fritz describes the lawns on the street outside people's house as "a no man's land, a kind of hostile territory where nobody is really welcome." His idea is to transform these unused spaces into vegetable gardens. Fritz is concerned with the global issues of land use and food production, he says, "the ultimate goal is to have everyone that comes in contact with the project, in whatever way, to reconsider how they occupy their land." Did you know that if lawns were a crop they would ran as fifth largest in the United States on the basis of area? With Edible Estates Fritz is demonstrating that one person can make a public gesture of producing food in the most local way possible, on your own front lawn. What if keeping up with the Joneses meant you had a better tomato bush or a bigger plum tree? We hope the Edible Estates example will grow.

If you've got green fingers and want to dig deep into the earthy TreeHugger archives you can pick-up some handy eco-friendly gardening tips about NaturaLawns of America, Beyond Pesticides, and Organic Lawn Care. There's also John's series of posts about Victory gardens, and the THTV' Urban Homestead epsiode about the amazing Dervaes family garden, a 1/5 acre city lot in Pasadena, CA. If that isn't enough you can read the interview with Joe Polaischer about his Permaculture Garden in New

In other THTV news - Simran Sethi of THTV will be appearing on The Oprah Winfrey Show this afternoon. We hope all of you get to see Simran and Oprah discussing ways to green your Christmas.

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