

# REAPS



# REPORT

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- 18 - 28 Green Days at UNBC

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# Annual General Meeting

## 2-4 pm

Location: In-person  
Keith Gordon Room (Public Library Downtown)

Guest Speaker: Noemi Touchette, Director of Operations, Northern Lights Estate Winery speaking on growing fruit bushes for our climate and reaping the benefits.

## Board Members Wanted!

The **Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (R.E.A.P.S.)** of Prince George is seeking passionate, dedicated individuals to join our Board to bring a collaborative, joyful, and energetic approach to bolster our work for a green sustainable community where people and the planet thrive.

You will obtain valuable volunteer experience that looks great on your resume; Share your skills, time and expertise; Meet and network with others who are active in the recycling community; Help green your local community; Learn new skills and create a better work-life balance.

Our board provides leadership and oversight for our programs and activities. Directors collaboratively represent the interests of our members and the broader community.

For more information on the positions email [volunteer@reaps.org](mailto:volunteer@reaps.org)

Contact the **R.E.A.P.S.** office at **561-7327** and check out our website at [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

# REAPS NEWS

## Web Pick of the Month

<https://www.gardeningknowhow.com/>

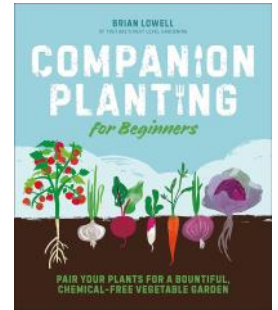
At Gardening Know How, whether you're an apartment dweller with an affection for houseplants, a novice gardener putting in your first edible garden, or a master gardener wanting to learn about transforming your harvest into delicious meals, everyone is welcome here.

## Book of the Month

*Companion Planting for Beginners: Pair Your Plants for a Bountiful, Chemical-Free Vegetable Garden* by: Brian Lowell

ISBN: 9780744045727

If you want a vibrant, chemical-free vegetable garden, companion planting is the solution. Did you know tomatoes produce a natural insecticide that can help protect carrots against pests? Or that planting mint near lettuce can repel slugs?



**GARDEN WORK PARTY**

SATURDAY  
JUNE 8, 2024  
9 AM TO 4 PM

Join us at the REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

- ✓ Tidying up the garden
- ✓ Filling the raised beds
- ✓ Planting the beds

**SIGN UP TODAY**

📧 [volunteer@reaps.org](mailto:volunteer@reaps.org)  
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June 15th  
Noon—2 p.m.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Come celebrate with us at our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

REAPS would like to acknowledge and thank all our funders, supporters, volunteers, members and the community for making our new home a reality. Special thank you to DDBGS, UNBC and the RDIFFG.

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LOCATED off Campus Ring Rd UNBC across from daycare



**Garage Sale Bonanza**  
**CN CENTRE PARKING LOT**  
**125 VENDORS**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**Open to the PUBLIC 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
**Stop by and shop!**



# LOCAL NEWS

## Green Day's UNBC

It's almost Green Day at UNBC! We invite everyone from the community to come week of March 25 to participate in the last few events of the Leading a Sustainable Future program!

Monday March 25, 2024

Human Library on Climate Resilience organized by the CCSBC Prince George youth cohort Talk to Firefighters and other "books" to learn about their experiences with climate resilience.  
Location: 1st floor Library Learning Commons  
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Grassroots Engagement in Sustainability Food and drink provided.

Location: Lecture Theatre 7-150 and on Zoom  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Featured organizations: PG Urban Farmscape | 5 Acres, Everyone At The Table PG: Community, Eco Living Community - ELC, Farm 2 School BC

Discover the power of grassroots engagement in sustainability as non-profit organizations unite to address community challenges. Join us to explore how these grassroots efforts collaborate to tackle environmental issues and foster sustainable solutions and learn how you can get involved! Together, we can make a difference in building a healthier and more resilient community for all.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/gbjaAEAgvK>

## EAT Canning Circle

The Everyone At the Table Canning Circle is a food recovery and education program for the novice to learn with Master Canners and for the experienced to pass on their skills and trade tricks.

Food processed and canned is recovered, imperfect fresh foods from The PG Salvation Army Food Recovery Program.

Any Food waste from The Canning Circle is composted.

### EVERYONE IS WELCOME

If you would like to join our group please contact us as space in the kitchen is limited.

We Look Forward to hearing from you: [eatcanningcircle@gmail.com](mailto:eatcanningcircle@gmail.com)

THANK YOU! YOU MAKE THIS HAPPEN:



For more info check out our webpage here [letseatlocalpg.com](http://letseatlocalpg.com)

From June 2022 to Feb 29 2024,  
More than 4 metric tonnes of food diverted from landfill  
3,258 volunteer hours  
1,800 litres of soup: 7,200 servings!  
1,626 jars of jam, over 1000 jars of apple sauce, pasta sauce, salsas, ratatouille, etc.



Monday March 25, 2024, 5 pm - 7 pm

Location: Lecture Theatre Agora 7-150

Virtual

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## AROUND BC

[Prince George perfectly positioned as site of hydrogen plant, Fortescue exec says](#) PG Citizen

[Solid waste costs piling up for northern B.C. regional district - Prince George](#) Citizen

[Natural gas to become BC's most valuable export](#) PG Citizen

[The Home Front: Turning mattresses into valuable resources](#) Vancouver Sun

[The Return-It to ReUse-It and Recycle-It Cups Program Expands in Vancouver](#) RecycleBC

[ICYMI: Squamish council cleans up waste bylaw, adding construction activities](#) The Squamish Chief

[Re-Use Store in Port Alberni saves furniture from landfill](#) Alberni Valley News



## AROUND CANADA

[I am the Magpie River. How can a river also be a person?](#) Canadian Geographic

[Canada Plastic Pact: Country In Danger of Missing 2025 Target Recycling Rate](#) Waste 360

[McDonald's Canada Launches Recycling Test For Specified Fibre Food And Plastic Packaging](#) Foodgressing

[Nespresso Canada expands Green Bag recycling scheme](#) Packaging Getaway

[Call2Recycle Canada launches battery recycling container](#) Recycling Today

[Study: Flexible packaging nearly half of Canadian market](#) Plastics Recycling Update

[The flexibles dilemma: Navigating challenges and forging solutions for flexible plastic packaging in Canada](#) Canadian Plastics

[Tim Hortons expands plastic-free coffee cup lid trial in Canada](#) World Coffee Portal

[LR Greenlights Canadian Ship Recycling Facility's Standards Compliance](#) Off Shore Engineer

[Bota Undergarments Launches First Underwear Recycling Program in Canada](#) Avenue Calgary

[Mass produced paper bottles are here and are sure to turn heads — and raise some questions too](#) Kitchener Waterloo

## AROUND THE WORLD

[The dawn of the clean hydrogen economy](#) Canary Media

[France implements compulsory composting. Here's how it will help slash emissions](#) eu-ronews.green

News

[Is timber better for climate than steel and concrete? It's actually not that simple.](#) Global Construction Review

[The world is building renewable energy faster than ever before](#) Canary Media

[Trash TV: Streaming giants are failing to educate the young about waste recycling. Here's why it matters](#) Architecture & Design

[This Georgia refinery is making low-carbon jet fuel from alcohol](#) Canary Media

[How green are those Stanley tumblers that everyone wants thanks to TikTok?](#) CBC News

[Princess Cruises Installs Innovative Food Waste Biodigesters Onboard New Flagship: Sun Princess](#) PR Newswire

[The biggest solar-plus-storage project in the US just came online](#) Canary Media

[Federal court quashes cabinet order underlying single-use plastics ban](#) CTV

[Consumer rights: final approval for the directive to empower consumers for the green transition](#) European Council



## Mother Nature's History Book

source: PICSCANADA

This video explores how scientists have been able to use glacial ice to map the history of climate over the last several hundred thousand years. In doing so, it shows us how human beings are now adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere at a rate that---to the best of our knowledge -- is much faster than ever seen in the past.

[Watch here](#)

## Green Day's UNBC

Tuesday March 26, 2024

UNBC Bioenergy Plant and Passive House tour

Location: Meet at the Wintergarden

2:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Join UNBC's Energy Manager Sahil Dino to tour the Platinum LEED certified Bioenergy Plant and also take a look at the new Facilities building on UNBC's main campus that is a certified Passive House! REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/mRYGz6QjZB>

Transition to a Sustainable Energy Future

Food and drink provided.

Location: Lecture Theatre 7-150 and on Zoom

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Featured presenters: Sahil Dino (UNBC Energy Manager), David Claus (Director of Facilities), Stefan Muller (Arbios Biotech), Rob van Adrichem (Community Energy Association), Doug Beckett (PG EV Association and Energy Transition Group)

Join us for an enlightening event focused on transitioning to a sustainable energy future. Our speakers will delve into diverse topics, such as UNBC's achievement of Scope 1 and 2 carbon neutrality, insights into renewable energy projects, the energy-saving potential of passive houses, and the significance of electric vehicles in shaping our energy landscape.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.office.com/r/XzwW3KX4F7>



### COMPOSTING 101



THURSDAY MAY 2 AT 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Public Library 888 Canada Games Way



HELP FILL OUR BEDS  
WITH SOIL AND PLANT

## Garden Work Party

SAT. JUNE 8TH  
9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

LOCATION: U NBC on the plateau off Campus Ring Road



## Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

Join us in celebrating our first year of operation!  
Saturday, June 15th noon to 2 p.m.

LOCATION

UNBC off Campus Ring Rd



### RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION & PLANNING SOCIETY

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### Dumpy's Tip of the Month

#### Spring Clean

- Shed the Waste: Donate or have a yard sale it is a good way to green clean and de-clutter your home
- Re-purpose, Repair, or Reuse  
Reuse glass jars as part of your green clean
- When Disposing, Dispose Responsibly Check disposal requirements before you toss items like batteries in the trash
- Freshen Up Naturally Open the window for those outdoor smells



Green Clean  
Your Cleaning  
Products



### RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Create your own Easter decoration by upcycling yogurt cups. Wash, paint, attach pipe cleaners, fill.



**REAPS**  
MEMBERSHIP

The few dollars from your membership makes a much bigger difference than you may realize!

Students and Seniors: \$5.00  
Individual: \$8.00  
Family: \$15.00  
Business: \$25.00

**CHARITABLE DONATION:**

REAPS provides charitable tax receipts for any donation over \$20

Consider donating to our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden near UNBC

**To Donate:**

Mail to: PO Box 444 PG, BC V2L 4S6  
e-transfer to: [recycling@reaps.org](mailto:recycling@reaps.org)  
paypal on our website [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

in "notes" state what payment is for ie/ membership; donation