

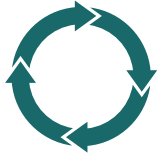
OUR PROGRAM

The Waste Audit is a free service being provided by REAPS in partnership with the Regional District of Fraser - Fort George. Our goal is to help businesses audit their waste generation habits, identify areas for improvement and then suggest strategies for implementing change.

**SAVE MONEY.
SAVE THE PLANET.**



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

THE PROCESS

1) Waste Auditors visit your business and conduct a full waste assessment of:

- Current waste generation
- Waste disposal practices

2) Data is analyzed

3) Recommendations for improvement are developed

4) You are provided with a report outlining:

- Current practices,
- Current waste production,
- Areas of greatest waste production,
- The benefits of implementing the recommendations

5) We provide assistance to help meet your waste reduction goals

6) We promote your business's participation in our green program

WASTE REDUCTION

For an extensive list of materials and drop-off locations, visit www.reaps.org and click on Waste Reduction Directory.

Commercial Recycling

- **Blue Jewel Recycling:** 250-960-8531
- **Cascade Recovery:** 250-563 -0233
- **R3 Recycling:** 250-963-9073

Material Exchange Programs:

- **Prince George Freecycle:** A local message board to post items to give away that are still useful and in good condition but that you no longer have a need or use for.
- **BC Materials Exchange (BC MEX):** A free waste matching service that links one business' surplus or waste to the needs of another. You can contact the Recycling Council of BC at 1-800-667-7321. More information and an online catalogue is available at www.rcbc.bc.ca
- **Wall to Wall:** A second hand hardware store and recycle center of reusable building materials 250-561-2994



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THE BENEFITS

For Your Business:

- Reduce your business' environmental impact
- Establishes efficient and economical waste management practices
- Decrease waste disposal costs
- Reduce total costs of office supplies
- Generate revenue from recycling programs
- Improve employee moral and your corporate image
- Increase your business appeal to environmentally-concerned customers

For The Environment:

- Reduce demand for natural resources
- Reduce demand on landfills while preventing their growth
- Reduce pollution
- Decrease harm to native plants and animals
- Keep nature beautiful for the future

Did You Know?

- Each ton (1100 kg) of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 1728 L of oil, 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space, 400 kilowatts of energy, and 31,823 Litres of water, reduces greenhouse gas emissions by one metric ton of carbon equivalent (MTCE)!
- North Americans have 8% of the worlds population, yet produce 50% of the world's garbage.
- Canadians use their own weight in plastic every year.
- By replacing your disposable coffee cup with a reusable mug just once a day, we can save over 500 million cups in one year.
- The energy saved from recycling just one pop can is enough to light a 100-watt light bulb for over 3 hours.
- Recycling creates six times more jobs than land filling.

KNOW YOUR WASTE

Every business is different! We are helping you identify areas for improvement and develop solutions specifically for your business!

Example Results:

We conducted a Waste Audit at this local business. The pie chart shows the distribution of waste they produced.

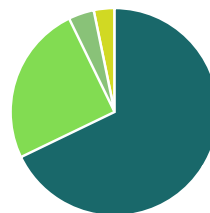
Profile of a Trash Can:

Compostable Materials: **65%**

Recyclables Fibers: **28%**

Recyclables Materials: **4%**

Plastic: **3%**



Based on this assessment, we suggest:

- **Composting:** REAPS can teach you how to compost!
- Start up a **Recycling Program** targeting:
 - Paper and Cardboard (Recycling Fibers)
 - Recyclables (beverage containers, food cans, milk jugs)

SMALL CHANGES

- Source reduction. Buy bulk or look for less packaging.
- Reuse products or packaging where possible.
- Use durable, repairable and refillable products.
- Choose products that are less hazardous.
- Purchase products with recycled content.
- Always make double sided photocopies.
- Edit before printing
- Use reusable coffee filters
- Get rid of junk mail!

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(416) 391-2362 or online at www.the-cma.org

MAKING IT WORK RECYCLING PRACTICES

Start a Recycling Program

1. **Follow the leader:** Identify a green champion
2. **Know the do's and don'ts** of Recycling
3. **Make it easy:** set up bins, posters and instructions on what can be recycled
4. **Train your team:** REAPS can help!
5. **Review program:** ask your staff what works and what doesn't.

What is Recyclable in PG?

- Newspaper & inserts, computer paper, envelopes, magazines, paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard, cardboard egg car-tons, boxboard (cereal boxes)
- Metal cans, glass jars, clear plastic milk jugs, juice boxes, beer and wine containers, soft drink containers, spirit bottles, plastic (6 pack rings), plastic bags, aluminum pie plates, and more
- Antifreeze, appliances, asphalt & concrete, auto hulks, parts, used vehicles, metals, batteries, books, building materials, clothing, computers, furniture, gasoline, grease, household hazardous materials, oil, oil filters, oil containers, paint, pharmaceuticals, plumbing supplies, printer cartridges, propane cylinders, solids/sludge-contaminated with flammable liquids, solvents, sporting equipment, tires, water contaminated with flammable liquids, wood waste.

