

# REAPS



# REPORT

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- 1 Dominion Day @ Huble

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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

The Earthshot Prize <https://earthshotprize.org/>

The Earthshot Prize was launched by Prince William in 2020 to search for and scale the most innovative solutions to the world's greatest environmental challenges.

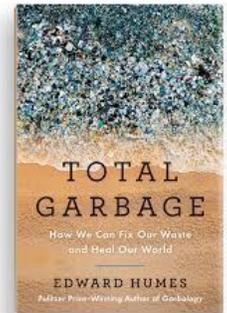
We want to unleash the urgent optimism required to accelerate and scale the environmental innovations that will repair and regenerate our planet.

## Book of the Month

*"Total Garbage" How We Can Fix Our Waste and Heal Our World.* By Edward Humes

ISBN-13. 978-0593543368

An investigative narrative that dives into the waste embedded in our daily lives and shows how individuals and communities are making a real difference for health, prosperity, quality of life and the fight against climate change.



**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**

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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 RDFFG.

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LOCATED off Campus Ring Rd UNBC across from daycare

## Canada Summer Jobs

We are happy to announce that REAPS received 18 weeks funding for 2 positions this summer. Summer staff are so important to provide fresh eyes, ideas, complete wish lists, assist with delivery of presentations to schools, community and participate in community events. Thank you Canada Summer Jobs!

Francia and Laurel begin May 1st. Bo will be joining the team early July.

## REAPS Workshops 2024

Throughout the year REAPS offers many FREE workshops and presentations for the community, groups and school classrooms.

The dates/times can be found on our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/reaps.org) page or website [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

REAPS does FREE home visits to answer / problem solve with you and your composter.

# LOCAL NEWS

## PGNC (Prince George Naturalists Club)

Get involved and enjoy nature through the lens of our local naturalist club.

They offer many events and trips throughout the year. As well as projects to get involved with.

**Sign up today!**

Memberships run from January 1 to December 31. Cost is \$25 per calendar year for individuals, \$40 for a family, and \$15 for students. Benefits of membership: Subscription to the online version of *BC Nature* magazine, liability insurance coverage for Club work parties and field trips, and access to popular events limited to Club members only. Add \$5 if you wish to receive a printed version of the *BC Nature* magazine in the mail.

E-Transfer is available by sending

to [PrinceGeorgeNaturalistsClub@gmail.com](mailto:PrinceGeorgeNaturalistsClub@gmail.com) and it goes directly into the Club's bank account. No secret word is needed. Payments by cheque can be mailed to Prince George Naturalists Club, PO Box 1092, Prince George BC V2L 4V2.

"To be a naturalist is to be joyful, inquisitive, and at home in the world. To be home is to treat every life form as a family member":  
Marina Richie.



**Prince George Naturalists Club**  
*Upcoming Events*

- Annual Curlew Field Trip**  
Sunday, April 21, Meet at Spruceland Shopping Centre at 9 AM
- Hudson's Bay Wetland Cleanup**  
Sunday, April 28, Meet at parking lot on Queensway at 9 AM
- Spring Nature Walk and Intro to eBird**  
Saturday, May 4, Meet at south parking lot at Cottonwood Island Park at 8:30 AM

For more information, please see each individual event post. Or contact us @PGNaturalists or email princegeorgenaturalistsclub@gmail.com

## Urban Farmscape

A gathering of passionate partners rallied together to transform 5 acres of a local historical urban farm into a community farmscape. Recognizing the unique opportunity to establish a long - needed Regional Food Hub in the very near future, these partners are working with the City of Prince George to create a lush food garden surrounding a commercial kitchen and teaching space, complete with areas for the community to grow, develop and encounter nature in the heart of downtown.

For more information, to join and get involved visit

[Urban Farmscape Webpage](#)

The next meeting will be hosted at **6:00pm Wednesday, May 1st** in the Prince George Aboriginal Business Development Centre located at **890 Vancouver Street**.



## Recycling in Beauty

Walmart in collaboration with various beauty manufacturers are accepting cosmetics and skincare packaging. Drop off today.



## AROUND BC

[Changes coming to recycling collection at Regional District Fraser Fort George transfer stations](#) CKPG News

[38,031 kilograms of waste removed in Campbell River shoreline clean-up](#) Campbell River Mirror

[Agriculture plastics recycling program extended one year](#) PG Daily News

[New plastic baler in British Columbia boosts Canada's automotive container recycling capacity](#) Recycling Product News

[Lifelong conservationist and land steward to receive honorary degree](#) PG Daily News

[Nanaimo non-profit working on recycling books into fire logs](#) Nanaimo News Bulletin

[UNBC named one of Canada's greenest employers](#) PG Daily News

[Vancouver's trash is this company's treasure](#) BDC

[A mother of two manages large Vancouver Island recycling facilities by treating her staff like family](#) Chek News (video)



## AROUND CANADA

[You work hard to recycle, but where do items go after you toss them in the blue bin?](#) CBC News

[Used fishing gear recycling program in jeopardy as funding dries up](#) CBC News

[Circular Innovation Council Collaborates with Canada's Biggest Grocers to Design an Innovative Reuse Program](#) GlobeNewsWire

[Over 1 billion meals went to waste a day in 2022: UN food waste report](#) CBC

[EPR Landscape in Canada Continues to Evolve: 2024 Update Carton](#) Council of Canada

[Edmonton Looking To Ramp Up Capacity To Handle Growing Amounts of Organic Waste](#) CBC

[What happens to food that grocery stores in Canada don't sell?](#) CTV News

[Meet the Canadian company that has diverted 10 million lbs of salon waste from landfills](#) Royal Bank

[Edmonton Students Build Plastics Recycling Plant To Save Local Landfills](#) Global News (video)

[The Coalition for Healthy School Food](#)

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

[GOC We Can #BeatPlasticPollution Challenge](#) Government of Canada

[Over 1 billion meals went to waste a day in 2022: UN food waste report](#) CBC

## AROUND THE WORLD

[Mexico's Floating Gardens Are an Ancient Wonder of Sustainable Farming](#) ReasonstobeCheerful

[Reusable packaging: How to communicate with consumers](#) Circular

[Biden-Harris Administration Announces \\$62 Million to Lower Battery Recycling Costs Across the U.S.](#) Energy.Gov

[UN: Increased recycling efforts failing to keep pace with boom in e-waste](#) edie

[The world's largest jewelry brand is now all-in on recycled metals](#) Vancouver Sun

[Amazon teams with recycling robot firm to track package waste](#) Yahoo!news

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

[Europe finalises rules for more recycling, less waste exports](#) Eurativ

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

[Extraction of raw materials to rise by 60% by 2060, says UN report](#) The Guardian

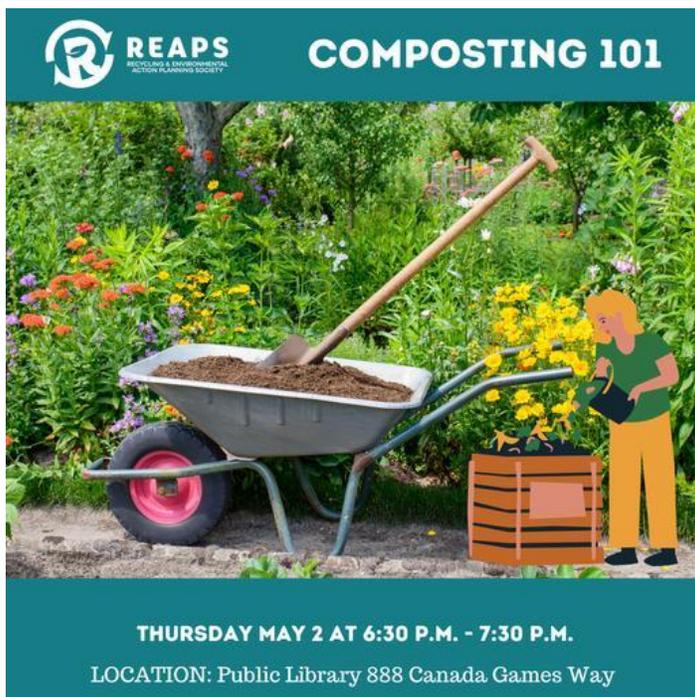
[Report: UN Environment Program – Global Waste Management Outlook 2024](#) UN



## Mother's Day is on May 12, 2024

How to Make Mother's Day sustainable and still give her the celebration she deserves?

1. Get your hands dirty... spending time in the garden with her.
2. Pick a wildflower bouquet, or purchase from local farm.
3. Serve up a local brunch. Get all the essentials from the Farmers Market
4. Give an experience you can share. Quality time together.



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### COMPOSTING 101

THURSDAY MAY 2 AT 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: Public Library 888 Canada Games Way



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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

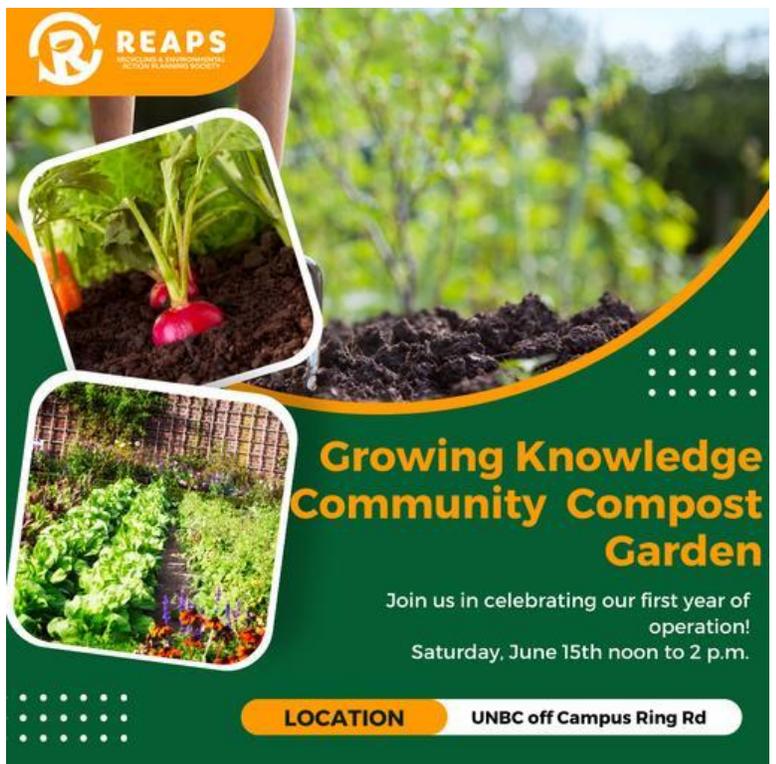
## DOMINION DAY AT HUBLE

Take a trip back in time and join us in celebrating July 1st the old-fashioned way!

Embrace the charm of the past with heritage demonstrations, live music, and other timeless activities. Experience how Prince George would have celebrated in the past by taking part in races and contests for all ages. Learn the history of the homestead and Prince George through tours and an exhibit, then celebrate Dominion Day with the entire family with complimentary birthday cake to mark Canada's 157th birthday.

Our old-fashioned Dominion Day celebrations kick off with a pancake breakfast that runs from 10:00 to 12:00! Take a self-led or guided tour to learn the history of the historic site, then take part in heritage demonstrations such as ice cream making and butter making with our staff.

Pick up your "passport" and explore the historic site to "visit" all the provinces and territories, or get your treasure hunt and seek the clues for your prize! If you're feeling competitive, you can compete in the eating contests or take part in the old-fashioned races! Finish off the day by playing some old-fashioned games or by making a festive craft in the Welcome Barn.



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### 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

#### Tips for recycling at home

By reducing, reusing, recycling and buying items made to last, you can lower the amount of waste you create.

Before you buy something new, ask yourself:

- Do I really need this?
- Can I borrow or rent this if I will only use it a few times?
- How long will it last?
- Can this be repaired or re-used?
- Can this be repurposed or recycled?

If we reduce the amount of items we buy and consume, we reduce the amount of waste we create.



## Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (AKA REAPS)

The REAPS Report is published six times a year, on the first of January, March, May, July, September, and November.

Articles, originals or reprinted with permission, are submitted by members and represent the opinions of the authors only, not necessarily those of the Society, Board, or members as a whole.

Deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication date. Articles, suggestions for articles, or comments in general are *much* appreciated, and can be submitted to the REAPS office via email at [newsletter@reaps.org](mailto:newsletter@reaps.org)

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### RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

**DIY scrubbie** from the bags that onions /oranges come in. This scrubbie is great for cleaning dishes and especially cast-iron. It's easy to make following the video link for instructions.

#### SCRUBBIE



## 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:

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paypal on our website [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

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