

# REAPS



# REPORT

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September 2025

## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Potato Festival Huble Homestead
- 2- 28 GKCCG open
- 4 Make an Upcycled Scarecrow
- 4 - 7 Fall Fruit Fest
- 2 - 10 Free pick up of apples
- 13 Junk in the Trunk
- 13 Trouble in the Headwaters

### OCTOBER

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- 4 Huble After Dark
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### NOVEMBER

- 1 Studio Fair

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## SATURDAY, 13 September 2025

*Celebrating Pitch-In & Spring Clean up*



## Garage Sale Bonanza CN CENTRE PARKING LOT

### Open to the PUBLIC 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by and shop!

### VENDORS - 100 + STALLS

- set up starting at 7:30 a.m.
- book a stall (\$35)
- Sell items from the trunk of your car
- Donate left over items to AimHi

To book a stall go to  
[www.eventbrite.ca](http://www.eventbrite.ca)  
More information call:  
REAPS 250-561-7327  
email: [events@reaps.org](mailto:events@reaps.org)  
or call





# REAPS NEWS

## Web Pick of the Month

<https://www.foei.org/>

Friends of the Earth International is the world's largest grass-roots environmental federation with more than [70 national member groups](#) and millions of members and supporters around the world.

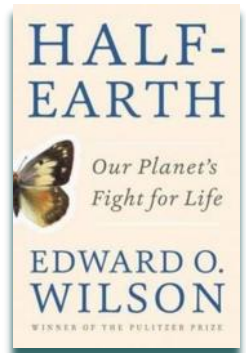
To bring about transformation towards sustainability and equity between and within societies with creative approaches and solutions.

## Book of the Month

*Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* by Edward O. Wilson

ISBN: 9781631490828

*Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* proposes an achievable plan to save our imperiled biosphere: devote half the surface of the Earth to nature.




**ACTIVE KIDS BOOK OUR SCHOOL PROGRAMS TODAY**

join us in a fun free educational activity

educational activities focus on our environment

- ✓ Outdoor Exploration
- ✓ Hands on
- ✓ Creative Recycled Crafts
- ✓ classroom experiments

**Book Now**  More information [garden@reaps.org](mailto:garden@reaps.org)






## E-BIKE FOR SALE

Whether you are exploring the city streets, cruising along scenic trails, transporting kids, getting groceries, heading to the laundry mat or embarking on a thrilling biking camping excursion, this Cube Cargo E-bike has something for everyone.

- ✓ Cube Cargo Hybrid 500
- ✓ German-Engineered for Supreme Performance and Versatility
- ✓ Load Capacity: With an impressive 220 KG (485 lbs)
- ✓ Stable handling and outstanding performance
- ✓ Long-Lasting Battery: The Bosch PowerPack lithium-ion battery



**\$6800** for more details  250-561-7327  [garden@reaps.org](mailto:garden@reaps.org)

## GARDEN WORK PARTY

Join us at the REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden (refreshments served)

- ✓ Tidying up the garden
- ✓ Adding soil to the raised beds
- ✓ Weeding
- ✓ Mulching
- ✓ Planting

**SIGN UP TODAY**

 [volunteer@reaps.org](mailto:volunteer@reaps.org)  
 250-561-7327






## We Are OPEN

Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

 Tuesday to Saturday noon - 4 pm  
 LOCATION: UNBC  
 TILL September 28th







# LOCAL NEWS

## Save the Date

### Northern Harvest: Seeding Sustainable Futures Through Food and Collaboration

Please join us for our Food Systems Summit in Prince George to celebrate and connect around food systems transformation work across Northern BC.

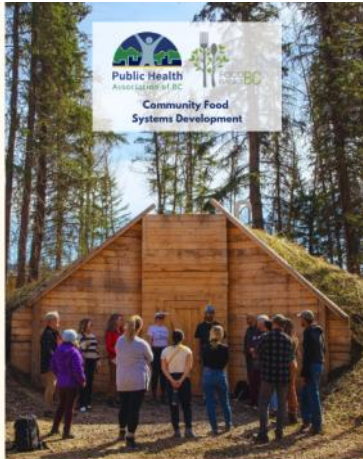
**When:** Monday October 20, 2025 –  
Wed Oct 22, 2025

**Location:** Prince George

**Address:** Courtyard Marriott Prince  
George / 900 Brunswick  
St, Prince George, BC

New  
Website  
Launching  
Soon!

[www.CFSD-PHABC.ca](http://www.CFSD-PHABC.ca)



## FREE PICK UP AUGUST / SEPTEMBER



Register with REAPS  
to pick up your  
PICKED APPLES for  
transportation to  
the Northern Lights  
Winery and the  
Canning Circle

BOOK NOW

CALL 250-561-7327



September 13th, Conservation North will be hosting a screening of the new film "Trouble in the Headwaters" from filmmaker Daniel Pierce and featuring UBC hydrologist Dr. Younes Alila.

Doors open at 6:00pm  
Film Screening at 6:30  
Panel Discussion at 7:00pm  
By Donation



## JOIN OUR APPLE PROCESSING WORKSHOP

Take some goodies home with you after!

Sept 4,  
2025

College of  
New  
Caledonia  
(CNC)

5:00 PM –  
9:00 PM



LEARN HOW TO MAKE AND CAN APPLE  
JUICE, APPLE SAUCE, AND APPLE JELLY.  
LEARN HOW TO DEHYDRATE APPLE  
SAUCE INTO APPLE LEATHER.

Join us for all or a portion of the workshop.

Other workshops to be announced.

FREE REGISTRATION



## AROUND BC

[A big black tube on Salt Spring Island is diverting tonnes of organic waste](#) CBC

[Canfor, West Fraser recipients of CleanBC industry funds](#) PG Citizen

[End of the Vancouver Landfill in Delta on the horizon](#) Delta Optimist

[Why do tonnes of plastic from BC Farms end up in landfills?](#) Vancouver Sun

[Port Moody company lands \\$600K provincial grant to tackle plastic medical recycling](#) Tri-Cities Dispatch

[Refill, not landfill: Victoria hotels join plastic crackdown](#) Victoria News

[Victoria considers gathering garbage, recycling from public institutions](#) Saanich news

[B.C. recycling rates climb as more paper, plastic products recovered, says report](#) BIV

[Not easy keeping these banned materials out of Metro Vancouver's garbage](#) Delta Optimist

[Emterra turns BC Hydro incentives into largest fully electric refuse, recycling trucks](#) Business Examiner



## AROUND CANADA

[Cyclic Materials to open \\$25M rare earths plant in Canada](#) Mining.com

[New pilot program to recycle vinyl windows in Canada](#) Canadian Plastics

[UPS Store Canada penalized for 'major' recycling program failure in B.C.](#) Northshore News

[How this Toronto airport is using AI to help reduce garbage waste](#) CBC

[Edmonton designers upcycles old clothes to keep them out of landfill](#) CityNews

[Cardboard to the compost? Yellowknife diverting nearly all recycled paper products](#) CBC

[\[Alberta\] hoping to turn waste into economic growth](#) Lethbridge News Now

[Call2Recycle Canada program expands to the Yukon](#) Recycling Today

[B.C. researchers work on developing compostable alternative to styrofoam packaging](#) CBC

[StatsCan: A Look at Canadian Household E-](#)

[Waste](#) Stats Can

[Fishing gear waste is being turned into plant pots and swimwear](#) ICI.radio

[SDG Knowledge Report: Lessons for Canada to Improve on Sustainable Development](#) SDG Knowledge Hub



## AROUND THE WORLD

[UK e-waste compliance rules extended to Amazon and other online retailers](#) Edie

[Food waste recycling could slash methane emissions on a massive scale, study shows](#) E+T

[Scientists use bacteria to turn plastic waste into paracetamol](#) the guardian

[H&M-backed Syre to supply recycled polyester to Gap and Target](#) Fashion Network

[What will the packaging industry look like in 2034?](#) Packaging Europe

[Right to repair 'would reduce inequality'](#) The Ecologist

[The Life of Microplastics: how fragments move through plants, insects, animals and you](#) The Guardian

[A circular vision for coffee is an opportunity for the Global South](#) Renewable Matter

[A global treaty to limit plastic pollution is within reach – will countries seize the moment?](#) The Conversation

[McKinsey Suggests Younger Generations](#)

[Are Driving Sustainable Packaging Demand](#) Packaging Europe





## AROUND PRINCE GEORGE



**Thank you to  
our 2025  
summer staff**

We are grateful for  
your hard work  
and dedication  
every single day.




# Fall Fruit FEST

**4-7 SEPTEMBER**

Help us gather 50 000 lbs of fruit across  
Prince George to reduce food waste,  
connect people with locally-grown food,  
and reduce bear attractants.

To sign up as a **VOLUNTEER**, help  
with transport, or register your  
tree to be picked contact us at:  
(250) 561-7327 or  
[eatgleaningabundance@gmail.com](mailto:eatgleaningabundance@gmail.com)  
or scan the QR code





**THURSDAY,  
Sep 4 & Oct 2**

**Learn new ways to waste less and save money!**

**Sep 4** - Make an Upcycled Super Cute  
Scarecrow Jar Craft for Fall

**Oct 2** - Scrap Paper Pumpkins

**ADULTS | FREE DROP IN**  
**THURSDAY, SEP 4 & OCT 2 | 6:30 - 7:30 PM**  
**BOB HARKINS BRANCH, DOWNTOWN**

Presented by the Recycling and Environmental Action  
Planning Society (REAPS)

Visit [www.pgpl.ca/events](http://www.pgpl.ca/events) for full descriptions of topics.




## Gleaners Needed

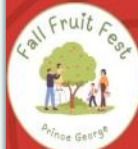
Have an hour or two to  
volunteer to pick apples for  
seniors or the mobility  
challenged?



**Contact us!** ☎ (250) 561- 7327

✉ [eatgleaningabundance@gmail.com](mailto:eatgleaningabundance@gmail.com)

Scan the QR code to sign up as a volunteer  
or to help with transport.



By working together, we can make a big difference. Let's  
keep our community and our wildlife safe and happy!



## RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION & PLANNING SOCIETY

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Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/REAPSPG>

### Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Autumn recycling tips:

1/ compost fallen leaves and organic yard waste to enrich your soil and reduce waste, rather than sending them to a landfill.

2/ recycle packaging by breaking down cardboard boxes and removing any non-recyclable elements, and consider using materials like plastic bottles and aluminum cans for fall crafts or decorations.

3/ It's recommended that you bring the thermostat down to 68 degrees while you're at home during the fall season.

4/ With season changes and fluctuating warmth, there's no better time than to give your fireplace a good cleaning before heavy use.



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

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### RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Fall craft ideas include painting pumpkins, creating fall-themed wreaths, making handprint turkeys with fall leaves, building scarecrows, designing leaf-themed sun-catchers, crafting apple baskets, and assembling leaf-colored yarn or paper trees.



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)

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