Recycling & Environmental Action & Planning Society

REAPS REPORT

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COMING EVENTS

MARCH

5 Vermicomposting (Library)
7 Seedy Saturday
14 Seed Exchange (Library)
28 Earth Hour (turn off the lights)
29 UNBC Outdoor EV Movie Screening "Wallee"

APRIL

11 PG Symphony Orchestra - Earth Songs
22 Earth Day
24 Youth Craft Earth Day (Library)
25 REAPS AGM
26 City Wide Spring Clean Up

MAY

1 REAPS GKCCG opens
2 GKCCG cleanup Help needed
30 Junk in the Trunk

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Court rules in favour of Ottawa's toxic plastic, Story as a Strategy, PEI composting system, Circular materi-als, Food waste costs Canadians and more...

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REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

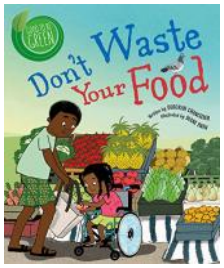
https://canadianfoodfocus.org

Canadian Food Focus is a national organization with the goal of improving food literacy of Canadian consumers from farm-gate to plate. We explore how food is grown and raised and provide useful advice from experts to help people make confident food choices.

Book of the Month

Don't Waste Your Food (Good to Be Green)
by Deborah Chancellor

ISBN: 9780778772811



Amara's dad says they shouldn't waste food. But why is this such a big problem? Follow their story and find out what happens to food waste, what can be composted, and how to reduce the amount of food we throw away.

Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

Since the inception in 2022 to our third growing season in 2026 we are happy to report and give a BIG thank you to all that have volunteered, sponsored, donated and cheered us on to come to the completion as of December 1/25 with the placement our 10 x 30 foot Education Centre.

So many to THANK and they are acknowledged on our Donation Board on site. For our most recent building purchase and installation $100K: Northern Development Trust Initiative, Flaman Foundation, PG Community Foundation, Iren Energy.

Well of course there will be little things to add: accessibility deck this year, off grid permanent washroom, solar panels, pergola and maybe more gardening beds. These will happen as funding permits.

As always REAPS is grateful for the financial support and partner—the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George! Their support, directives, and encouragement means a lot to a small charitable organization. Their contributions also allow us to leverage in search of other grants.

And to our members, community and residents who cheer us on, support, volunteer, participate we THANK YOU.

REAPS WORKSHOPS / PRESENTATIONS

We are excited for 2026 season at the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden. This will be our third growing year and we are looking forward to all the produce and fruits grown for our community organizations.

We have posted our workshops / presentations on our website and Facebook pages. Keep looking … new ones are added when interest or ideas come forward.

Spring activities include: Pallet Composter Construction, Backyard Composting 101, Vermicomposting and more.

We have reached out far and wide within the RDFFG and excited to be delivering to our rural communities as well. If you have a desire to learn something new… reach out and we will see if we can host or find someone that can!

LOCAL NEWS

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

In partnership with REAPS, this series of programs is designed to teach you new ways you can waste less and save money!

March 5 – Vermicomposting 101
April 2 – Seed Starting 101

Ages 19+ | Free drop in
Thursdays | **Mar 5 & Apr 2**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown

REAPS PG Public Library

EARTH DAY WITH REAPS! SD57 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL DAY

Join REAPS for a special Earth Day program. Learn about the wonders of planet earth, plant a seed, and make an earth-themed craft.

Ages 5 - 12 | Free drop in
Friday | **Apr 24**
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown

REAPS PG Public Library

The Prince George Master Gardeners and David Douglas Botanical Garden Society presents

SEEDY SATURDAY

March 7th 9:00am – 2:00pm

Elder Citizens Recreation Association Centre
1692 10th Avenue

Seed Swap, Seed Sales and Displays
Gardening For Biodiversity Presentations

9:15am ~ Welcome 9:30am ~ Pollinators
10:30am ~ Designing a Diverse Garden 11:30pm ~ Plant Life Cycle 101
12:15pm ~ What it Takes to Become a Beekeeper 1:00pm ~ Hydroponics
1:30pm ~ DDBGS update & closing

DDBGS Memberships, Books & Garden Tools
Ask A Gardener, ECRA Kitchen and Door Prizes

Admission by Donation

Prince George Master Gardeners — Our Roots are in the North

SEED STARTING WORKSHOP

Learn how to start seeds with the guidance of a master gardener! Presentation is geared towards those new to the practice and will include the opportunity for a questions and answers session.

SEED STARTING WORKSHOP
Ages 19+ | Free drop in
3:00 - 4:30 pm

Two opportunities:

Saturday, Mar 14, 2026
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown

Saturday, Mar 21, 2026
Nechako Branch, in the Hart

THE DAVID DOUGLAS BOTANICAL GARDEN SOCIETY

TOMATO & PEPPER PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 2nd
8:30am to 2:00pm

CHOOSE FROM A LARGE VARIETY OF TOMATO & PEPPER COLOURS, SIZES, SHAPES AND FLAVOURS

Indoors at the
Prince George Farmers Market
1310 3rd Ave, Prince George, BC

AROUND BC

The Exchange connecting Prince George businesses and organizations PG Daily News

Compost Education Centre's Victoria experiment makes the case for reuseable Victoria News

Documentary showing Okanagan backcountry dumping set to premiere The Keremeos Review

Cascades sells corrugating plant to Crown Paper Recycling Today

Recycle BC rolls out curbside flexible plastic recycling to meet 50% collection goal Wastedive

RONA Announces Power Tool Recycling Program Hardware Retailing

Birdwatching Backpacks at Prince George Public Library PGNC

Full circular economy hub under consideration for Banff Rocky Mtn Outlook

Could recycled cooking oil reduce dirt road dust? One Vancouver Island company thinks so CBC

AROUND CANADA

Ottawa wins Federal Court appeal allowing single-use plastics ban to stand St. Albert Gazette

What's going on with Toronto's new recycling system? Toronto Life

Story as strategy: What climate fiction teaches us about communicating sustainability Trelllis

P.E.I.'s composting system to be replaced, modernized as it nears end of lifespan CBC

This Canadian start-up makes pulp from straw instead of wood, and it's ready to scale Corporate Knights

Circular Materials CEO urges residents to embrace expanded recycling list Norfolk Today

Reclaiming the economy for people and planet Ecojustice

Food waste costs Canadian farmers, agri-food companies in hidden ways Farmtario

Power banks recalled across Canada CTV News

AROUND THE WORLD

Ocean-degradable plastic cuts microplastic pollution Springwise

A bio-based alt concrete for coastal restoration Springwise

A breakthrough in climate-friendly cooling Springwise

A coating for energy-efficient windows Springwise

Tackling laundry microplastic pollution Springwise

How a student-led CIWM hackathon took on fast fashion's biggest failure Circular

Ghost recycling: how Big Oil re-brands and sells fossil fuel as green plastic Voxeurop

Putting people first in waste management Nature Human Behaviour

Brands rethink sustainability communication as packaging rules tighten Packaging Insights

International Compost Awareness Week (May 3 - 9)

Join us - REAPS as we celebrate this week long event highlighting the benefits of organic recycling which promotes soil health. We will be positing "Daily tips and tricks" on social media with a focus on: best times to start, best times to apply, year-round activity, tips for success (balance of materials, stockpile browns, maintenance) and more.

Scheduled Backyard Composting Presentations
(at REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden, Campus Ring Rd, UNBC)

Monday, May 4th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 7th 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (PG Public Library downtown branch)

Friday May 8th 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday May 9th 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

REAPS is also offering FREE Pallet Composter Build and Take. Register at recycling@reaps.org

Turn this into that.

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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Transitioning home from winter to spring

Some tips to prevent water damage, improving air quality and prepping outdoor spaces for warmer weather.

- clean gutters and downspouts
- Inspect the roof
- Check foundation and drainage
- Inspect concrete/asphalt
- Service AC unit
- Prep lawn and prepare beds for new mulch
- Wash windows, screens
- Deep clean carpets/rugs
- Clean behind furniture
- Clean range hood filter
- Clean dryer vent

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RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER - DIY feeder

Eco-friendly Easter crafts

can be made by recycling household items like toilet paper rolls into bunnies, sheep, butterflies or chicks, egg cartons into flower wreaths, and jars into treat holders. Other ideas include creating egg carton chicks, bees, lady bugs or bunnies, crafting paper baskets, or making fabric carrots.