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- 4 2026 Pride Picnic and Parade
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Our **Education Centre** was made possible through generous grants from the PG Community Foundation, IREN Energy, the Flaman Foundation, and Northern Development Initiative Trust. Our accessibility deck was made possible through support from the City of Prince George Community Grant, the Flaman Foundation, and Western Financial. We are deeply grateful to all of our funders for helping bring this important space to life.

We are excited to have this new space available for community outreach, presentations, and a permanent office. Students from École College Heights Elementary's Kindergarten class were the first to visit, joining us on a rainy morning to complete recycled craft activities.

We would also like to extend a big thank you to Industrial Forestry Service Ltd. (IFS) for opening their doors four years ago and providing office space that allowed us to continue our outreach work.

We look forward to welcoming more community members, students, and partners into this space as we continue to grow our outreach, education, and environmental stewardship efforts together.

REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

<https://www.iea.org>

The International Energy Agency (IEA) works with governments and industry to shape a secure and sustainable energy future for all



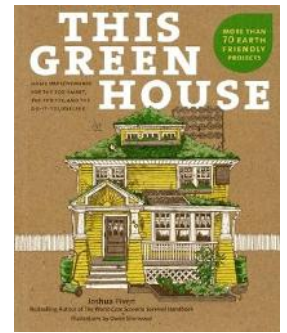
Book of the Month

This Green House: Home Improvements For The Eco-Smart, The Thrifty, And The Do-It-Yourselfer

By: Joshua Piven

ISBN 158479786X/9781584797869

The authors aims to both shrink your carbon footprint and soothe your eco-anxiety. In a guidebook that's as funny as it is practical, Piven shows you how to green every room of the house—and have a good time doing it.



Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden (GKCCG) Seeking Kitchen Waste

Our hungry composters need your kitchen waste! We are happy to accept fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, eggshells, and other compostable kitchen waste. Please note that we cannot accept meat, oils, or dairy products.

Kitchen waste drop-off is available Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. When you arrive, please check in with the garden attendant so we can weigh and record your kitchen waste before placing it into the composter.

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!

August 6 – DIY: Skin care products from food

Ages 19+ | Free drop in
Thursday | **Aug 6**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown



Saturday July 4, 2026 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. At the GKCCG

Ever put your produce in the fridge only to have them wilt the next day? Wish your fruit and veggies could last longer before you are ready to eat them? The Proper food storage workshop covers tips and tricks in ways to prolong and revitalize your foods! From fridge temp and organization, to shelf life, to what should not be paired with what = you can increase your food's lifespan and reduce food waste!

Also, an even better way to store food properly is with reusables! Many reusable food-saving products can be made right at home, including beeswax wraps, reusable sandwich bags, bowl covers, tea bags, and even popcorn bags! Our workshop will detail what products you can make at home for your kitchen and take-aways and how to make them, with take-home directions and material lists.



Food Waste: Awareness, Recovery & Reduction

GO FOR GREEN WEEK!



Go For Green Week - Kids Recycled Crafts

Tuesday July 14th to Saturday July 18th from 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Free children craft activities (parent supervision required) each day from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Learn about the environment while creating a craft.

From the land, water and air we are all connected and have a part to play.

Explore our natural world and how you can make a difference.

LOCAL NEWS



CALLING ALL FRUIT TREE OWNERS

Do you need assistance with harvesting your fruit this summer?
Our volunteers will pick your fruit for FREE!
Any donations greatly appreciated to support the program!

HOW FRUIT IS SHARED

- $\frac{1}{3}$ to fruit tree owners
- $\frac{1}{3}$ to volunteers
- $\frac{1}{3}$ to food security

Your Support Makes All The Difference

The Gleaning Abundance Program (GAP) helps to reduce food waste, strengthen local food security and improve human-bear safety by removing wildlife attractants.

HOW TO SIGN UP

- Scan the QR code to register
- Call us: 250.981.5127
- Email us: EATGleaningAbundance@gmail.com

SIGN UP HERE!



IN COLLABORATION WITH:



Got fruit?
Contact Us Today!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Join our team to harvest 1000s of lbs of fruit across Prince George!

We are seeking volunteers to:

- Pick fruit
- Help with transportation

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

SIGN UP HERE!



IN COLLABORATION WITH:



DDBGS Volunteers Needed for Garden Maintenance and Work Bee

Following are the regularly scheduled times for work in the gardens. Contact info@ddbogarden.bc.ca for more information, or to sign up for the weekly notice! Come when you can.

Mondays ~ 8:30am - Khasdzoon Yusk'ut Botanical Garden (KYBG)

Tuesdays ~ 8:30am - Educational Display Garden (EDG)

Wednesdays

8:30am (KYBG)

8:30am (EDG)

6:00pm (KYBG)

6:00pm (EDG)

Thursdays ~ 8:30am (EDG)



Canada Day in the Park

Join the City of Prince George and 20,000 of your closest friends for Canada Day at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Enjoy multicultural food and entertainment, games and more!



AROUND BC

[Prince George Food Charter aims to grow local economy, food security](#) CKPGToday

[Ripped tent? No sweat. New hub for outdoor gear repair and design launches B.C.'s Kootenays](#) CBC News

[Metro Vancouver apartment dwellers don't recycle as much as single-family residents. What can be done?](#) CBC News

[Metro Vancouver company building a mega factory in Surrey to give new life to used EV batteries](#) Vancouver Sun

[Party wave! ReSurf Canada turns one, over 1,200 wetsuits diverted from landfill](#) Ha-Shilth-Sa

[Council approves Kitimat waste transfer station rezoning despite water concerns](#) Northern Sentinel

[Vancouver Island manufacturer reduces water waste with new recycling technology](#) chek NEWS

[Plastic water bottle ban in Tofino, B.C., a first among Canadian municipalities](#) CTV News

[Emterra Group marks 50 years of dedicated recycling services](#) Recycling Product News



AROUND CANADA

[Sask. recycled second highest number of containers in Canada in 2024-25 through SARCAN](#) CTV News

[E-bike battery fires are a hazard across Canada. These companies are pitching solutions](#) CBC

[ECCC announced that updated federal regulations on certain toxic substances will come into effect on June 30, 2026](#) RCA

[OPINION: We found a way to turn Canada goose poop into chicken feed and crop fertilizer](#) Cattlemen

[FIFA no longer letting fans bring refillable water bottles into World Cup stadiums](#) CBC

[Compost Council of Canada celebrates 35 years](#) CCC

[In France, you can get your groceries in returnable packaging. Here's why the Canadian pilot failed](#) CBC

[Metro Vancouver will spend \\$600,000 this year on campaigns to reduce waste. But do they work?](#) Vancouver Sun

[GFL to Acquire Secure Waste Infrastructure in \\$6.4B Deal](#) Alberta & Prairies



AROUND THE WORLD

[Circular textiles startup refuses clothing 'donations' from ultra fast-fashion brand](#) Eco-Business

[Recycled plastics industry gets unexpected boost from Iran War](#) Los Angeles Times

[Divert opens Longview, Washington, facility to expand circular infrastructure for unsold food in the Pacific Northwest](#) Biomass Magazine

[A new reuse symbol aims to be as recognizable as the recycling logo – and make more of a difference](#) The Conversation

[14 million used batteries from electric vehicles by 2040: Who will master the circular economy?](#) Chem Europe

[Inventions for battery reuse and recycling increase more than seven-fold in last decade](#) European Patent Office

[Major UK retailer offering cash refund on tents ahead of summer festivals](#) yahoo news

[California's SB54 – California's plastics EPR law became effective on May 1, 2026](#) CalRecycle

[EU project targets end-of-life aircraft materials with circular economy overhaul](#) The Brussels Times





Join us in leading the way towards a sustainable future by becoming a REAPS Sponsor. Choose your level of involvement and gain recognition for your commitment to environmental sustainability.

Sponsorship Levels

Visionary Partner: \$2500+

- **Recognition:**
 - **On-Site:** Your logo prominently featured on project signage.
 - **Digital:** Premium logo placement on the REAPS homepage and a dedicated "Sponsor Spotlight" on social media.
 - **Social Media:** Included in sponsor shout-outs on Facebook and Instagram.
 - **Community:** VIP recognition at all REAPS events, workshops, and plant sales.
 - **Custom:** A "REAPS Visionary Partner" gold-leaf window decal.

Champion Partner: \$1,000 – \$2,499

- **Recognition:**
 - **On-Site:** Your logo on the project sponsorship signage.
 - **Digital:** Logo on the REAPS homepage and in monthly e-newsletters.
 - **Social Media:** Included in sponsor shout-outs on Facebook and Instagram.
 - **Custom:** A "REAPS Champion Partner" silver-leaf window decal.

Sustainer Partner: \$500 - \$999

- **Recognition:**
 - **On-Site:** Your name listed on project signage.
 - **Digital:** Name on REAPS homepage and monthly e-newsletters.
 - **Social Media:** Included in sponsor shout-outs on Facebook and Instagram.
 - **Custom:** A "REAPS Sustainer Partner" bronze-leaf window decal.

Community Contributor: Up to \$499

- **Recognition:**
 - **Digital:** Your name listed on the REAPS website.
 - **Social Media:** Recognized in our annual "Thank You" campaign.
 - **Custom:** A "REAPS Community Supporter" white and green window decal.

Join us in making a difference. Support REAPS today and become a part of a community dedicated to sustainability and resource efficiency.

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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

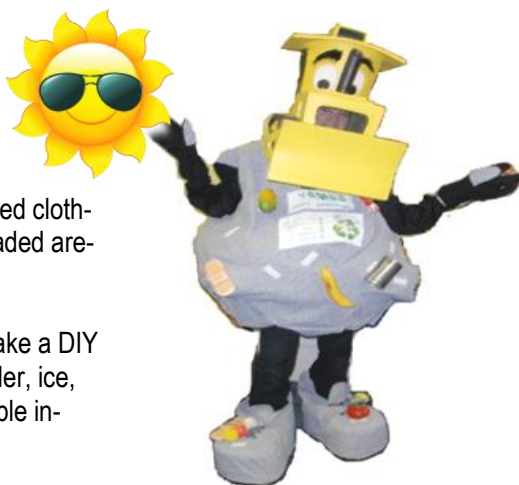
Summer Tips

Heat precautions: Limit strenuous activity during peak heat, wear light-colored clothing, and take breaks in shaded areas.

Cool down efficiently: Make a DIY air conditioner using a cooler, ice, and a fan to stay comfortable indoors.

Mosquito deterrents: Use clove-studded limes or citronella candles to keep bugs away during outdoor meals,

Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water, especially during outdoor activities, to prevent dehydration and maintain energy levels.



Exercise outdoors: Take daily walks, bike rides, or try a new sport to boost physical and mental health

Healthy eating: Enjoy seasonal produce.

RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER - DIY feeder

Upcycled Summer Flowers

Need: plastic water / pop bottle, coloured paints, paint brush, scissors

Instructions:

1. Measure $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from bottom of water bottle.
2. Mark the bottle and cut away the top part. The bottom of the bottle is flower. Recycle the top part. Cut in a wavy pattern to give your flower more of a petal-effect.
3. Paint the under side of the flower with paint. And Once it's dry, paint a white dot on the inside, center of your "flower."



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
paypal on our website www.reaps.org

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

