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SATURDAY, 26 September 2026

Giving things a second chance!



Garage Sale Bonanza CN CENTRE PARKING LOT

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

VENDORS - 125 STALLS

- set up starting at 7:00 a.m.
- book a stall (\$42)
- Sell items from the trunk of your car



To book a stall go to
www.eventbrite.ca
More information call:
REAPS 250-561-7327
email: events@reaps.org

REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

<https://foodsecurecanada.org/>

Supporting an equitable and empowered food movement for 20 years. Food Secure Canada is an alliance of organizations and individuals all across Canada working together to advance food security and food sovereignty.



Book of the Month

Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming By: Paul Hawken

ISBN: 9780141988436

The 100 most substantive solutions to reverse global warming, based on meticulous research by leading scientists and policymakers around the world.



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 **Monday, Wednesday and Saturday** from 9 a.m. to 4 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.

Thank you for helping us reduce waste and create healthy compost for our gardens.



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!

Sep 3 – Food Preservation – a look into the various ways

Oct 8 – DIY take away Halloween recycled craft

Ages 19+ | Free drop in
Thursdays | **Sep 3 & Oct 8**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown



COMPOSTERS FOR SALE

Backyard composting is an easy way to recycle kitchen and yard waste into nutrient-rich soil for your garden.

- ✓ 80-gallon (300-liter)
- ✓ 50% post-consumer recycled plastic
- ✓ \$30 each or 2 for \$50

PICK UP AT GKCCG

101 Ring Road W 3333 University Way

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garden@reaps.org



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

- 1/3 to fruit tree owners
- 1/3 to volunteers
- 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!



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Volunteers will get up to 1/3 of the fruit as a Thank You for their hard work!



MOBILE SEED CLEANING TOUR

PRINCE GEORGE THREE SEEDS & STARBABY CREEK FARM

Sept 26th, 2-5PM
1679 Foreman Road, Prince George
Lheidli T'enneh Territory

- Come learn about seed saving and bring your dry seeds to clean.
- Try some cider and the nearby Cold Front Cider
- Check out local vendors at the Harvest Market

Learn more at farmfolkcityfolk.ca/seedcleaner



Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership



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Canada

Funding for the Knowledge and Technology Transfer program is provided by the governments of Canada and British Columbia through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership, a federal-provincial-territorial initiative.

RECYCLE YOUR TIRES

residential passenger and light truck tires only

AT THE CN CENTRE

Sat. Sept 26th ✓
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. ✓
on the gravel parking lot ✓
on or off rims ✓



TIRE Stewardship BC

AROUND BC

[What is 'wishcycling,' and why are some B.C. municipalities cracking down on it?](#) BC News

[Old asphalt gets new life with City of Chilliwack's recycling machine](#) The Chilliwack Progress

[Creating jobs, reducing waste on Sunshine Coast](#) BC Gov News

[2 Castlegar teachers recognized with environmental education awards](#) Castlegar News

[A mattress problem at the Vancouver Landfill](#) Delta Optimist

[Gibsons moves forward with zero-emission vehicle bylaw](#) Coast Reporter

[Greater Victoria garbage under the scope for CRD study](#) Victoria News

[Waste batteries factsheet](#) BC Ministry of Environment and Parks

[BC oil recyclers change name after 20 years](#) Waste & Recycling

[Loblaws fined \\$8,000 over recycling infraction at Coquitlam's Real Canadian Superstore](#) Penticton Herald

[Ending food waste in Port Alberni, one fruit tree at a time](#) Alberni Valley News



AROUND CANADA

[Misunderstood best before dates fuel unnecessary food waste, says N.W.T. advocate](#) CBC News

[Feds invest in 22 EV infrastructure and education initiatives across Canada](#) Environment Journal

[Cascades Invests \\$15M in Granby, QC facility](#) Canadian Biomass

[BC Launches Outdoor Recreation Strategy](#) BC Magazine

[Canada EV battery reuse pilot to start](#) Resource Recycling Inc.

[Electronics Recycling Program \(Renewables\) - Solar Panel Updates](#) Alberta Recycles

[How does a rural Alberta town's food bank rescue over 50K kilograms of food from the landfill each year?](#) CBC

[Unravelling textile waste: What we learned at Explore Circularity Day](#) Alberta Ecotrust

[World's largest EV battery repurposing facility opens in Surrey](#) Surrey Now-Leader

[Goodwill partners with Canadian Universities to recycle textile waste](#) Textile Today

[Empire beats food loss and waste reduction target](#) Canadian Grocer



AROUND THE WORLD

[Microplastics altered allergy-related immune responses after 14 days in mouse lungs](#) Medical Xpress

[Landfill Gas Continues to Drive U.S. Renewable Natural Gas Growth](#) Waste Advantage

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

[Wasteful Fisherman Turns into Underwater Garbage Man, Pulls Tons of Tires from Canadian Harbors](#) Good News Network

[Beyond the green promise: Why sustainability needs to move beyond marketing](#) Social Samosa

[Amcor study finds recyclable packaging a key driver for nut sales](#) Packaging News

[Innovative school recycling program reduces litter by 75% with giant wire fish](#) IOL

[Recycling food waste is good for the climate, but could add microplastics to soil, study finds](#) wbur

[Graphic Packaging unveils first uncoated recycled paperboard](#) Packaging Europe

[China could soon use recycled EV materials as the dominant source for EV manufacturing](#) Tech



Compost Clinic—Solutions to Backyard Composter Problems

“Crikey....something’s not quite right here!!”... Look upon your compost heap as a living organism - to find a cause for any ailment in your garden’s digestive organ, go back to the basic ingredients (balance of brown (C) and green (N) ingredients, water, and oxygen) and diagnose your heap against each one.

“It stinks!!” – this could be the result of a couple of common problems

noxious fumes are produced by anaerobic bacteria ie, not enough oxygen is available throughout the heap, or its too wet or has large lumps of wet sludgy material. Or large amounts of unmixed kitchen waste

Excessive nitrogen is unbalanced by too little carbon, and the heap is venting as ammonia gas. One remedy which would address both problems could be to turn the heap to aerate it more often and to add in some drier, fibrous, carbon rich material (e.g. straw or shredded paper)

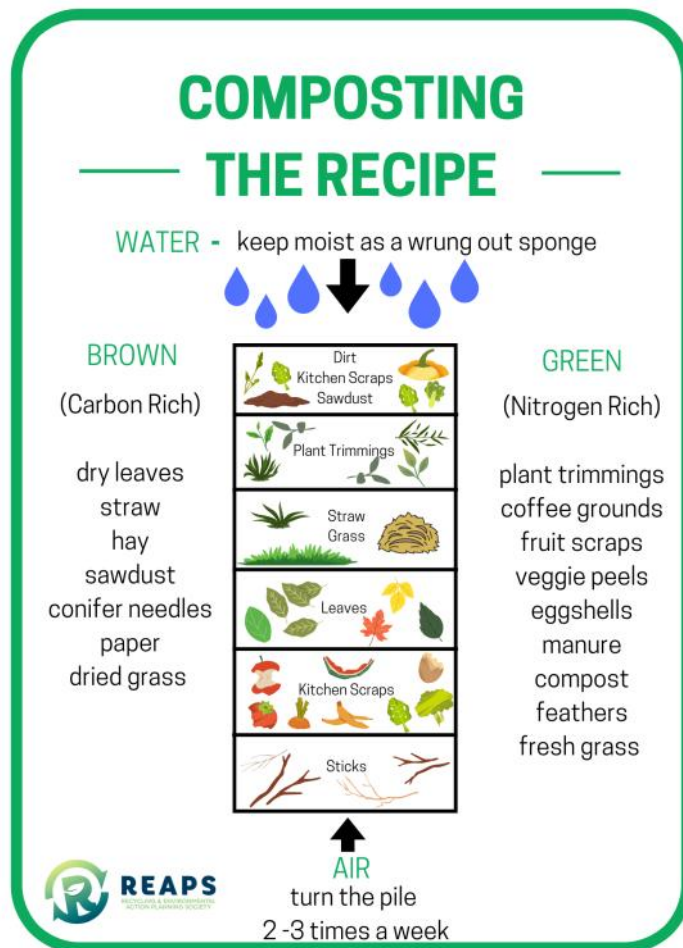
“Nothing’s happening!” Your heap has done nothing for days and days on end – no heat, no change in structure of the ingredients. This could be

Too little water – your heap is dry, effectively stopping any biological activity. Turn the heap, spraying with water constantly.

If the ingredients are too rough or large this will also slow things down. Remedy is to remake the heap after chopping up the rougher ingredients (e.g. run the lawn mower over them!).

Not enough nitrogen – turn the heap and add more manure or lawn clippings as you do it.

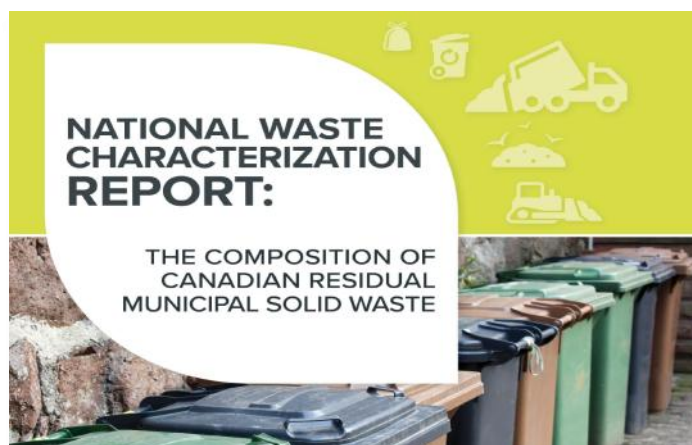
“I don’t have space for a compost heap”, or “I don’t have the energy to move all that stuff around any more”. Don’t give way to despair! A worm farm could be just the thing for you.



National waste characterization report : composition and quantity of waste materials in Canada’s residual municipal solid waste

Gov’t of Canada

The National Waste Characterization Report (NWCR) provides a national-level analysis of the composition and quantities of materials in residual municipal solid waste (MSW) in Canada. Residual MSW refers to waste that remains after recyclable and source separated organic materials have been removed, and that is destined for landfill or incineration. The largest components of residual MSW are food (19%), paper and soiled paper (17%), plastic packaging and products (13%), wood (10%), and building materials (8%). Waste composition varied by sector of origin. [TO READ MORE](#)



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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Fall Tips

Autumn is a great time to declutter and prep your home for the colder months.

Yard and Garden

Compost your leaves: Instead of bagging up fallen leaves, mix them with green waste (like food scraps) in your compost pile for rich soil come spring.

Home Decluttering & Cleaning

Electronics: Safely get rid of old space heaters, broken string lights, and electronics at designated drop-off locations

Donate costumes: If you are clearing out closets, donate gently used Halloween costumes to local thrift stores or community centers instead of putting them in the garbage.

Fall Maintenance

Check windows / doors: Check the caulking. Inspect the sealants around



Your windows and doors. Remove old crack and apply fresh layer. Replace any worn-out weather stripping. Clean tracks of sliding doors and windows to ensure tight seal.

RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Turn your recycling bin into beautiful autumn decorations with these simple and eco-friendly fall crafts. You can make cute tin can pumpkins, autumn leaf jars, or cardboard leaf prints using items you likely already have at home.

For the autumn leaf jars: collect leaves, coat the outside of a clean empty jar with mod podge or water-down white craft glue, attach leaves by pressing onto the glass. Paint a final layer of glue over top of leaves. Allow to dry and place battery operated tealight and enjoy.



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

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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

