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REAPS REPORT

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IT'S EASY BEING GREEN



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

Nov 5 – Reducing food waste

Dec 3 – DIY face creams from food

Ages 19+ | Free drop in
Thursdays | **Nov 5 & Dec 3**
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Bob Harkins Branch, downtown

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PG Public Library

REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

www.convservation.org

For those who care about nature, living your values shows up in daily choices — what you eat, how you travel, where you invest, what you support. It requires attention and, at times, genuine effort.

CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Book of the Month



Not the End of the World: How We Can Be the First Generation to Build a Sustainable Planet by Hannah Ritchie

- What it's about: Data scientist Hannah Ritchie offers
- an empowering, evidence-based look at why we
- aren't doomed and how humanity has the tools to build a truly sustainable future.
- Why it's a good winter read: It is optimistic, grounded in data, and shifts the narrative from pure anxiety to practical problem-solving.

BugQuest

This past summer REAPS participated in BugQuest - A National Search to Uncover Biodiversity.

It looked to discover the incredible insect biodiversity living in schoolyards, parks, and communities across Canada. In 2026, BugQuest invited schools and communities to collect insects using simple, standardized methods and identify them through DNA barcoding.

By taking part, participants helped reveal species that often go unnoticed and contribute to Canada's largest ever insect survey.

Results will be forthcoming and get be founded on the link above.





DIY Gift Bags

Sat. December 5 from 1 pm - 2:30 p.m.
REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden Campus Ring Rd UNBC

Make and take gift bag for any occasion. Time to think about reusing and reducing when gifting. Free DYI.
Please register at events@reaps.org to ensure enough supplies for participants.



Food Waste: DIY Holiday Wrapping Paper

Food Waste Holiday Wrapping DIY

Sat. November 14 from 4 pm - 5 p.m.
REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden Campus Ring Rd UNBC
For tips on how to reduce your wrapping waste and a guide on how-to dye your own fabrics with food waste and create your own food stamped designs, this is the workshop for you!

LOCAL NEWS





Craft Fairs

Check out the many craft fairs happening in Prince George November and December. Shop local, buy local. Fill your Santa wish list by supporting these vendors. Click on the link under Craft Fair to find out more....

The Winter Gathering Market November 7 - 8, 2026 House of Ancestors 10am - 4pm

Artisan's in the Greenhouse Art Knapp November 7- 8, 2026 10 am - 4 pm

St. Mary's Craft Fair November 7- 8, 2026 10 am - 4 pm 10 am - 4 pm

Pineview Christmas Craft & Small Business Fair November 14 - 15, 2026

Flannel, Frost & Festive Finds Christmas Market November 14 - 15, 2026 10 am - 4 pm



Dutches Park Craft Fair November 21 - 22, 2026 10 am - 4 pm

Blackburn Craft Fair November 28 - 29, 2026 10 am - 3 pm

AROUND BC

BC Student fought her school board for composting and recycling National Observer

Food-rescue groups in Canada turn to processing facilities to respond to waste and insecurity Bowen Island Undercurrent

Inside the search for a mysterious salmon killer The Narwhal

The film, Watershed, produced by the Fort Nelson First Nation

New climate projections help Northeastern B.C. communities plan for a changing climate Fraser Basin Council



24th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum: January 19 – 21, 2027 at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre.

AROUND CANADA

Closing the loop: why Canada needs an EV Battery recycling strategy Electric Autonomy

Picking up garbage less often could help Canadians recycle more The Converstation

Arc'teryx introduces system 0tm, a new framework for the future of product design and circularity Lithographica

Executive Presence for Women of Waste (WoW!) West The expansive woman project

2026 National Food Study by FoodMesh (September 2026)

Alberta bans solar panels from landfills Alberta

Canadian Brands expanding into resale markets CTV News

Alberta's beverage container recovery system powers a circular economy Calgary Herald



AROUND THE WORLD

New recyclable elastic yarn reduces textile waste SpringWise

Kiefel x Fiberdom: putting plastic free packaging through its paces SpringWise

Right to repair: New consumer rights for easy and attractive repairs eureporter

AI model for balancing water demands SpringWise

How safe is my tap water? Bluedot Living

Converting coffee grounds into biofuels efficiently SpringWise

Climate-friendly grains you probably never tried Bluedot Living

Is the recycling symbol free speech? A judge just ruled it could be LAist

Cyclic materials receives $75M in funding to accelerate domestic rare earth infrastructure Recycling Product News



AROUND PRINCE GEORGE

The UNBC Global Friday Speakers Series

Takes place on Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., hosted by the UNBC Global and International Studies.

Time: Fridays, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Hybrid options are typically available in-person on campus (such as room 7-150 or The Gathering Place) and online via Zoom.

November 6: Troy Bordun Invincible, Transmedia Entertainment, and Melodramatic Superheroes and Supervillains (Note: no recording available)
November 20: Eden Kincaid Trans Life and the Questions of Space (Co-hosted with IWAU)
November 27: Rupak Shrestha Title TBD

CNC & UNBC Indigenous Speaker Series

November 3, 2026 Join Métis artist Carly Nabess for a day of learning, storytelling, and creativity. Discover the cultural significance of decorative dog blankets (tuppies), ask questions, make connections, and participate in a hands-on beading and bookmark painting workshop.

Workshop | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Location: Indigenous centre - CNC Quesnel campus
Community & Student Session | 5:30 p.m. Location: Atrium - CNC Quesnel campus
Students and community members are welcome

Candlelight

December 18, 2026 8:45 p.m. - 9:45 p.m. Concert bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience to awe-inspiring locations like never seen before in Prince George. Christmas Carols on Strings at Knox Performance Centre under the gentle glow of candlelight. This is a tribute concert experience.

Prince George Art Exhibition

Date & Time: Friday, January 29, 2027
Venue: Two Rivers Gallery (725 Civic Plaza, Prince George, BC)
Details: A regional art showcase featuring contemporary works.

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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Keep garbage / recycle bins off snowbanks: Place your blue boxes or carts on a flat, cleared patch of ground near your driveway instead of balancing them on top of snowbanks where snowplows or drivers might miss them.

Keep lids shut: Make sure your cart or bin lid is fully closed to keep rain and snow from soaking your paper and cardboard (which ruins their recycling value).





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Trimming branches on your Christmas tree... save some of those branches to create your own dinner setting or wreath for your door.





