

Waste Audit Program

The Waste Audit program is a free service being provided to your business by R.E.A.P.S, in partnership with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. This tool is being developed to help businesses audit their waste generation habits, in efforts to reduce the waste that is going to our landfill.

The Process:

- Waste Auditors will visit your business and conduct a full waste audit of your current waste generation and waste disposal practices.
- This data will be analyzed in order to develop recommendations on ways to reduce your waste stream.
- You will be provided with a report outlining the current practices and the benefits of implementing recommendations, giving a clear picture of the potential benefits to you.
- Assistance will be provided to you in developing a waste reduction plan tailored to your needs.
- We will also assist with the promotion of your business' participation in the program.



For more information call us at REAPS: (250)-561-7327
Or visit us on our web site
Www.reaps.org



Did you know that...

North Americans have 8% of the worlds population, yet produce 50% of the world's garbage.

Canadians use their own weight in plastic every year.

The energy saved from recycling just on pop can is enough to light a 100-watt light bulb for over 3 hours.

The average office worker generates between 120 and 150 lbs of recyclable paper each year!

Located in Fort George Park near the Museum. The garden provides an opportunity to view a variety of Composters at work, ask questions, locate resource materials or attend composting and vermicomposting classes.

For hours of operation and more information call:
(250) -561-7327

Website: www.reaps.org
Email: reaps@bcgroup.org



GREEN TIPS FOR BUSINESSES



Operating a green business is not only good for the environment but good for your business's bottom line because conserving resources and cutting down on waste saves money. The good news is that whether you run a home-based business or an off-site enterprise, there are simple things you can do to run an environmentally friendly business.



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The Three R's At Work!



Set your photocopiers and printers to print on both sides by default.

Make computer files, not paper files when possible.



Keep worms in your office! It's a great way to reduce the amount of food waste going into the garbage. In some offices they have "worm wranglers" these volunteers are trained in vermicomposting, with the training provided at the REAPS garden. With casting initiatives these people can take home their harvested worm poop for their plants both inside and outside of their home.

Post memos in central areas like the staff room, washrooms, or by photocopiers

Reduce the amount of CO2 while driving to work! CAR POOL! BIKE!

WALK! The primary human source of carbon dioxide (CO2) in the atmosphere is from the burning of fossil fuels for transport.



Have your business removed from the "junk mail" lists by contacting: The Canadian Direct Marketing Association at 1 Concord Gate, Suite 607 Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 3N6, phone them @ (416) 391-2362



Purchase reusable dishes and cutlery for the staff room.

Use reusable calendars.

Use a coffee mug instead of disposable cups. (Styrofoam is not recyclable) By replacing your disposable coffee cup with a reusable mug just one a day, we can save over 500 million cups in one year!



Reuse office supplies such as binders, file folders, boxes, and report covers.

Use recycled paper where possible.

Invest in rechargeable batteries and battery chargers. Make sure staff is aware not to throw batteries in the garbage!

Purchase refillable toner cartridges.

Use refillable pens, pencils and tape dispensers.

Have staff set aside paper that they use on only one side, so that it can be reused for printing drafts in your printer.



Reuse large envelopes for internal mail distribution.

Use cloth towels instead of paper towels.



Things that you can recycle are: Paper, Plastic, Metal, Glass, Food, and Mixed waste (yard waste, packaging).

Find a local curbside recycling program: Blue Jewel (250)-960-8531

Sign up to FreecyclePG, a local message board to post items to give away or pick up. All items posted are "free". This new service through REAPS is aimed at slowing the flow to the landfill. For more information visit, <http://www.freecycle.org>.

The Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) provides a long term recycling opportunity for the IC&I sector. Metro Material Wastes receives, processes and markets program recyclables allowing business' the opportunity to unload unwanted materials that it may generate. Potential revenue and avoidance of tipping fees make this a win win situation for both the local business' and the RDFFG's goal in reducing waste going to the landfill. Call Metro Materials Waste (250)-563-0233 for information.

BC Material Exchange: A free waste matching service that links one business' surplus or waste to the needs of another. You can contact the Recycling Council of British Columbia at 1-800-667-7321, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm. More information and an online catalogue is available at www.rcbc.bc.ca