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# REPORT

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March 2010

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## Celebrating the Earth with REAPS

Growing naturally your own food, flowers or your lawns provides potential benefits to the earth and your health. Vegetables and fruits have an improved taste, freshness and nutrition. Gardening provides a wholesome activity for you and your family and connects you to the natural cycles of weather, growth and renewal. You are Invited to join REAPS on April

**24, 2010** to partake on the following FREE presentations:



### SCHEDULE:

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 **Green Lawns** (with Master Gardener Pat dela-Ronde)

11:00 a.m. – noon **Natural Gardening Methods** (and making your own seedling containers)

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Invasive Plants** (with NWIPC)

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Backyard Composting / Creating a good growing Medium** (take home a bag of homemade compost from REAPS)

## Earth Week - Children Celebrations

Be a local part of the most celebrated environmental event worldwide! REAPS is hosting 2 children events.

### CRAFTS

Children are invited to join us for Climate Change and Environmental crafts at the garden this year during Earth Week (April 20-22) at 3 pm. Come learn and create with us!



### POSTER DISPLAY

Create an environmental poster showcasing what is important to you. Place your name, telephone number on the back and bring to REAPS or the downtown public library by April 16/10 to be displayed at the library from April 19 – 30 for public viewing.

### REAPS ANNUAL PLANT SALE - Saturday, May 29, 2010

This spring when dividing your plants - donations to our fundraiser is appreciated. We will come help dig up and pick up your contributions.



# REAPS NEWS

## Web Pick of the Month

[www.earthday.ca](http://www.earthday.ca)

Earth Day Canada (EDC) is a national environmental communications organization mandated to improve the state of the environment by empowering Canadians to achieve local solutions



## Book of the Month

**Ecoholic Home** by: Adria Vasil

ISBN: 978-0-0307-0-307-35714-4

In 2007, the book *Ecoholic* emerged as a resource for all things environmentally-friendly in Canada. Now, *Ecoholic Home* (2009) provides us with even more info & resources for making the greenest possible choices when it comes to our homes. Detailed, yet fun to read, you'll find yourself referring to this book again and again. The best part is that it's all Canadian!



## REAPS Welcomes Katimavik

Katimavik offers Canadian youth the opportunity to contribute to the sustainable development of communities across Canada through challenging volunteer service programs. This year REAPS welcomes Michelle to our staff. She will be assisting with various projects, school and community presentations during her 3 month rotation. In April she will head to her 3rd community placement and REAPS will receive another youth participant for 3 months.

**Katimavik**



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Contributions from volunteers are fundamental to every community. Exciting opportunities are available with REAPS; join others in promoting the 3Rs & providing Environmental Education in our community.

## [www.reaps.org](http://www.reaps.org)

Our website continues to be updated and added to with a big thank you to our Web Master. If you have suggestions or ideas to include on our site your feedback would be appreciated. We continue to receive 100's of hit each year from around the globe!

## REAPS AGM

February 20, 2010 REAPS hosted their 21st AGM. A new board was selected with many returning members. A big thank you to past and present board members who continue to be the back bone of support for the Executive Director. A big thank you for the ongoing support received from City of PG, BC Gaming, RDFFG, Scientist & Innovators in the School, Dept. of Fisheries & Oceans, The Wolf, and our many volunteers.

**GARDENERS** - The garden will need assistance in dividing plants and potting for the Annual Plant Sale. If you have some time free at the beginning of May we would be happy to see you.

**CARPENTER** - The garden has a few repairs needed on their shed door and composter.

## Minister Introduced to Red Wigglers

Minister of State for Climate Action John Yap attended UNBC Green Day celebration January 14, 2010. REAPS' interns Laura and Sarina, introduced the Minister to our wiggly recyclers who are a keystone participant in our Adopt-a-Worm School Program. The Minister also met with the Cariboo - Prince George Citizens' Conservation Council on Climate Action to discuss the recommendations that the council put forward in early December at the Cabinet Committee for Climate Action.



**WRITERS** - If you think you have something to contribute to this newsletter, your words would be *greatly* appreciated.

**OTHER** - If there is anything else you would like to help out with, please give us a call to discuss your ideas.

Interested in one of the above? Contact Terri at 561-7327 or e-mail [volunteer@reaps.org](mailto:volunteer@reaps.org).

# LOCAL NEWS

## 2010 TRAVELING WORLD COMMUNITY FILM FESTIVAL - PRINCE GEORGE March 18<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>

**Brought to you by:** 27 Million Voices • AIMHI • Federation of BC Writers • Carney Hill Neighbourhood Centre Society • Carrier Sekani Tribal Council • Communities in Bloom • Community Gardens Prince George • Development and Peace • Good Food Box • Green Party • KAIROS • Miller Addition Citizen's Coalition • PACHA • PG Farmers' Market • PG Public Interest Research Group • Prism Film Festival • REAPS • Sea to Sands Conservation Alliance • Samuha Overseas Development Association • Two Rivers Gallery • UNBC International Development Society

With support from: Books and Company, PG Public Library, Sassafras Savouries and Zoe's Cafe

### Thursday, March 18

7:00 p.m. UNBC Apology of an Economic Hitman 90 min.  
8:40 p.m. UNBC Mirage of El Dorado 75 min.

### Friday, March 19

7:00 p.m. Raven Haven One Peace at a Time 84 min.  
8:40 p.m. Raven Haven Bogotá: Building a Sust. City 27 min.

### Saturday, March 20 – Spring Equinox and Earth Hour

3:00 p.m. Raven Haven Rebecca's Wild Farm 49 min.  
7:00 p.m. Raven Haven Under Rich Earth 91 min.  
8:40 p.m. Raven Haven Good Food 57 min.

### Sunday, March 21

3:00 p.m. Artspace At the Edge of the World 90 min.  
7:00 p.m. Zoe's Café The Coca Cola Case 86 min.  
8:40 p.m. Zoe's Café Tapped 76 min.

### Monday, March 22 – World Water Day

12:10 p.m. Raven Haven Land of Oil and Water 44 min.  
7:00 p.m. UNBC H2Oil 81 min.

### Tuesday, March 23

12:10 p.m. Raven Haven Justicia Now 31 min.  
12:45 p.m. Raven Haven The Green Film 6 min.  
7:00 p.m. Artspace Addicted to Plastic 85 min.  
8:40 p.m. Artspace Garbage Dreams 53 min.

### Wednesday, March 24

12:10 p.m. Raven Haven Infinite Vision 35 min.  
12:45 p.m. Raven Haven "Her Sight Is Worth It" - Film Winners 12 min.  
7:00 p.m. Raven Haven Myths for Profit 60 min.  
8:10 p.m. Raven Haven Good Morning Kandahar 51 min.

### Thursday, March 25

12:10 p.m. Raven Haven Body and Soul; Diana and Kathy 40 min.  
7:00 p.m. Two Rivers RIP: A Remix Manifesto 87 min.  
8:40 p.m. Two Rivers Roadsworth; Crossing the Line 72 min.

### Friday, March 26

12:10 p.m. Raven Haven Smile Pinki 39 min.  
7:00 p.m. Raven Haven Seeking Refuge 70 min.  
8:15 p.m. Raven Haven Made in LA 70 min.

### Saturday, March 27

3:00 p.m. Artspace Burma VJ 84 min.  
4:40 p.m. Artspace Be the Media 22 min.  
7:00 p.m. Artspace Sweet Crude 93 min.  
8:40 p.m. Artspace March Point 53 min.

### Sunday, March 28

1:30 p.m. PG Public Library Fatherhood Dreams 55 min.  
2:30 p.m. PG Public Library Where the Water Meets the Sky 60 min.  
3:40 p.m. PG Public Library Pray the Devil Back to Hell 72 min.

Festival Passes are available at Books and Company and Sassafras Savouries.

Festival Pass (33 films) - \$30;  
Brown Bag Cinema Pass (5 lunchtime films) - \$10;  
Day Pass (2 - 4 films) - \$5

Film summaries and trailers at

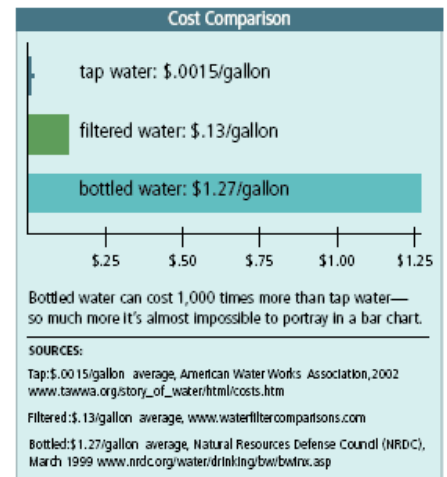
[www.worldcommunity.ca](http://www.worldcommunity.ca)

Film schedule at [www.booksandcompany.ca](http://www.booksandcompany.ca)

## Bottle Water Free Day

UNBC will be hosting an informational event on Thursday, March 11th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**One reason to give up the bottle - Plastic Hazards and Waste.** What about the bottles themselves? Every year about 1.5 million tons of plastic go into manufacturing water bottles for the global market, using processes that release toxics such as nickel, ethylbenzene, ethylene oxide and benzene. In the U.S. alone 1.5 million barrels of oil are consumed in making the bottles. Most bottles end up in landfills, adding to the landfill crisis.



## Tumbler Ridge Recycling Depot Kept Hopping

Source: Tumbler Ridge News

Tumbler Ridge's recycling depot is helping locals to reuse and recycle just about any material you can think of. Electronics, appliance, metal, vehicle bodies, tires, batteries, used oil containers, paint cans, paint, thinners, and solvents are among the many materials accepted at the depot, which works in partnership with the adjacent Peace River Regional District transfer station.

It's pretty busy down there on any given day, especially during the warmer weather," said public works operations manager Clark Hazelhurst, who oversees the recycling program. "If somebody comes in with something that looks like it can be used again, we will set that aside."



The district is also looking into a means of recycling small and large appliances. Many of those items currently wind up in the metal pile, which is sold by the district through a request for proposals and hauled away once each year.

The recycling depot building was constructed by the district about two years ago, as a central point of collection and sorting for recycled materials. In previous years, that sorting had been carried out by a non-profit group in a rented location and contracted out to a private business, but ended up becoming a district obligation. The construction of a dedicated building with a proper loading dock has made that operation run more efficiently, said Hazelhurst.

## AROUND CANADA

### WalMart's Green Summit Will Be Zero Waste

WalMart News Release

Walmart Canada announced today that its Green Business Summit, to be held in Vancouver on February 10, will be a zero waste event and powered 100 per cent by renewable energy. The event will bring together business, government, NGO and environmental leaders to share environmental business initiatives that are good for the planet and the bottom line.

The company expects to divert 95 per cent of the Summit's waste through a variety of efforts including the use of recycled and easily recyclable products, the composting of organic materials and multi-stream recycling bins.

This is just one of the many ways that Walmart Canada is reducing waste across its business. Last year, the company's home office

became zero waste, focusing on waste reduction and diversion through the introduction of multiple recycling streams for paper fibres, beverage bottles and plastic, coffee cups, organics, polystyrene, electronics and compact fluorescent light bulbs. The company's 314 stores are also focused on waste reduction and recycling, currently diverting 65 per cent of their waste from landfill. The company's goal is to divert 80 per cent of its overall waste by 2014.

The Green Business Summit will be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy through Bullfrog Power, a Canadian provider of low-impact renewable electricity.

The full-day Green Business Summit will feature plenary discussions, workshops and net-

working events that are designed to stimulate the sharing of best practices and new ideas. Emphasis will be placed on Energy, Waste & Material Management, Green Products & Solutions and Employee Green Engagement. Dr. David Suzuki, an award-winning environmentalist, scientist, author and broadcaster, will provide the keynote address. More information on the Summit is available at:

[www.walmartgreenbusinesssummit.com](http://www.walmartgreenbusinesssummit.com)



### 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 27 March 2010

On **March 27 at 8:30 pm**, hundreds of millions of people around the world will turn off their lights for an hour to demand action on climate change. But that's just the beginning. Every hour, Canadians are taking small steps to lessen their impact on the environment. From hanging your clothes to dry to taking transit to work, those small steps add up to huge changes for the better. Get inspired by others who are living Earth Hour ever hour.

**Here are five easy ways you can start:**

1. **BYOB:** Bring your own bags. Instead of using the grocery store's plastic bags, bring your own re-usable cloth bags. These not only help the environment but are much more durable.

2. Leave the car at home. If you have an errand to run close by or drive the kids to school, consider walking instead. You'll feel better, get more exercise and will help the environment by reducing your carbon dioxide (CO<sup>2</sup>) emissions. If walking is not an option, take public transit. Either way, you will save on gas.

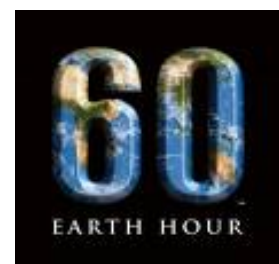
3. Hang dry your clothes. Instead of using your energy-guzzling dryer, hang up your clothes to dry either outside in warm weather, or in your laundry room in the winter and on rainy days.

4. Eat local. Local food is grown close to where it's being consumed, so it doesn't travel thousands of miles to reach our plates. Go ahead and fill

your plate with yummy local fruits, vegetables and packaged foods.

5. Get CFL light bulbs. When your old light bulbs burn out, replace them with compact fluorescent lighting (CFL) bulbs. They last longer and use far less energy.

Bonus tip: If you're already taking any of these actions, [become a role model](#) by signing up for Earth Hour and showing Canadians what actions you are already taking.



## AROUND THE WORLD

### Coca-Cola Launches PlantBottle

By: Frank Esposito <http://www.plasticsnews.com>.

LAS VEGAS (Feb. 17, 3:15 p.m. ET) -- Coca-Cola Co.'s new PlantBottle "will help to define the future of sustainable packaging" for the global beverage giant, according to a company official.

"Consumers want trusted brands and companies to address environmental issues and make branded packaging environmentally sustainable," Shell Huang said at the Packaging Conference, held Feb. 8-10 in Las Vegas.

The PlantBottle debuted in late 2009 and currently is available for Dasani-brand water on the U.S. West Coast and in Denmark. Dasani PlantBottles also are being used at the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The bottle contains up to 30 percent plant content in the form of sugar cane and molasses used to make the monoethylene glycol molecule needed to make PET resin.

"Our goal is to make PET more sustainable," added Huang, who serves as packaging research director for Atlanta-based Coke. "If you just do light-weighting [of PET bottles], you still need a certain weight to keep the bottle shape. We're thinking of end-of-life design."

Like a standard PET bottle, the PlantBottle is 100 percent recyclable, but Huang stressed that the PlantBottle is not biodegradable.

"By design, we wanted the bottle to be recyclable, not biodegradable," she said. "Energy will be reclaimed through

recycling."

Huang added that Coke researchers are studying ways to use plant waste in PET production. That research eventually could yield a bottle that was 100 percent based on plant waste.



Coke looked at several options before choosing the plant-based MEG route, according to Huang.

"We took a hard look at PLA [bioresein] for two or three years," she said. Polylactic acid "makes sense for some applications, but not for our packaging needs."

"Our own recycling business got us into post-consumer recovery, so we've tried to increase our recycled content. But our conclusion was to use renewable PET in the form of the PlantBottle."

The renewable PET being used for the PlantBottle is being sourced from an Asian supplier, but Huang declined to provide details.

Although the renewable PET currently is used in only "a small portion" of bottles for Coke products, the eventual impact could be significant, since Coke sells 1.6 billion servings of its products around the world every day. And non-refillable PET bottles accounted for 52 percent of Coke's packaging as recently as 2008.

"If [using renewable PET] is fundamentally good for the environment, we should encourage everyone to do it," Huang said. "I think in 10 or 20 years, everyone will be using this type of material."



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# Corporations Cause \$2.2T in Environmental Damage Every Year

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LONDON, United Kingdom — [Editor's note: This article originally appeared on [BusinessGreen](#) and is reprinted with permission.]

The world's 3,000 largest companies are causing £1.4 trillion (US\$2.2 trillion) worth of environmental damage every year, according to an unpublished U.N. report [seen by the Guardian](#).

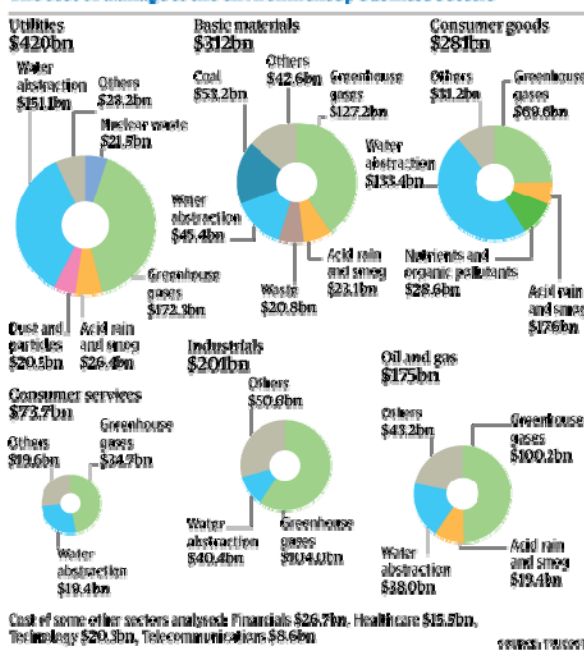
The report calculated about half the cost was associated with the release of greenhouse gases, while the remainder of the costs arise from local air pollution, and damage caused by the over-use and pollution of freshwater and fisheries.

These unaccounted environmental costs equate to 6 to 7 percent of the companies' combined turnover, or an average of one-third of their profits. However, the report also noted some businesses would be much harder hit than others if made financially responsible for the environmental externalities they cause.

Richard Mattison, chief operating officer of [Trucost](#), which carried out the report for the U.N., told the Guardian: "Externalities of this scale and nature

pose a major risk to the global economy and markets are not fully aware of these

**The cost of damage to the environment by business sectors**



risks, nor do they know how to deal with them."

The actual environmental cost of firms' activities is likely to be even higher, because the £1.4tn does not include damage caused by social impacts such as large-scale migration of people and other long-

term effects of climate change.

Later this year, another U.N.-backed study is expected to recommend a number of mechanisms for making firms financially responsible for the environmental damage they cause.

This second report, led by economist Pavan Sukhdev, is likely to argue for the abolition of subsidies to harmful industries and increased taxes on companies that cause high levels of environmental damage.

It is expected to take a similar line to the UK's Stern Review on the economics of climate change, arguing that it will prove more cost effective to address the damage done to biodiversity and so-called environmental services such as soil and water supplies now rather than delay action.

Mattison said it remained to be seen if governments are willing to take action to address environmental externalities. "It's going to be a significant proportion of a lot of companies' profit margins," he told the Guardian. "Whether they actually have to pay for these costs will be determined by the appetite for policy makers to enforce the 'polluter pays' principle."

## Staples Launches Design Contest for Tomorrow's Greenest Office

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FRAMINGHAM, MA — Staples has turned to some of the world's top engineering schools to find the next big green office product.

Ten global universities will compete for a \$25,000 prize in a contest seeking the most innovative environmentally preferred office product, which may be a greener design of an existing product, a new product type that promotes sustainability, or a product that uses "eco-innovative" materials.

The first- and second-place teams in the Staples Global EcoEasy Challenge will receive \$5,000. Eligible product categories range from desktop accessories and office chairs to binders and writing instruments.

The products will be judged on their

overall function and benefits, originality, relevant market potential within Staples' target business, mass commercialization potential, and effectiveness in addressing sustainability.

Staples invited 10 worldwide engineering schools to participate in the contest, including University of New South Wales (Australia), School of Engineering of Piracicaba (Brazil), University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), University of Windsor (Canada), Indian Institute of Technology (Chennai), Tsinghua University of China, Technical University of Berlin (Germany), University of Twente (Netherlands), University of California, Berkeley (U.S.), and University of Pittsburgh (U.S.).

Submissions from each university are

now being reviewed. Finalists, who will be notified Feb. 19, will travel to New York around Earth Day to present their products.

Staples created the competition in partnership with Rochester Institute of Technology's Golisano Institute for Sustainability. Although the first run of the contest focused on 10 schools, Staples will evaluate whether to expand eligibility to additional universities in coming years. The Staples competition is only the latest company effort to harness the creativity of outside groups. Last year, companies offered competitions to design the greenest hotel room, develop a use for a new recycled-plastic sheeting product, and create water-efficient innovations.

## Can Facebook's Data Center be Green if it Runs on Coal?

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The Prineville, Ore., facility the company announced at the end of last month, received kudos and accolades for its innovative and dedicatedly green features, including a low-energy evaporative cooling system, an airside economizer for using outside air to cool the facility, a system to re-use of server heat, and a target of hitting a PUE of 1.15.

But at least some of the power going in to the data center will be from a notoriously non-green energy source: Coal. Not even "clean coal," just coal.

The company is under fire in the media and on Facebook, with online activist website Change.org [launching a petition](#) to "Stop Facebook from Switching to Dirty Coal."

The complaints arise from the fact that Facebook has contracted with PacifiCorp subsidiary Pacific Power to supply the energy for the facility. As reported [on Search-DataCenter.com](#), "While Pacific Power gets some hydro-power from [the hydroelectric generator Bonneville Power Administration], its primary power-generation fuel is coal, according to Jason Carr, the manager of the Prineville office of economic development for Central Oregon."

Some of the largest tech companies have sited their data centers in the same region where Facebook plans to build, and one of the primary drivers for those choices is that hydroelectric power comes in large quantities and rock-bottom prices from dams on the Columbia River. (When it comes to energy, green is, as with so much in IT, an auxiliary benefit and a side note to saving serious money.) And this is the first time I've heard a data center criticized for the energy used to power their facility, so while it's perhaps not undeserved, it could also be a case of a company getting dinged for sharing too much information.

In response to the mini-uproar, a Facebook representative commented [on DataCenterKnowledge](#), saying in full:



I'm writing on behalf of Facebook to share their response to the issues you've posed. Most electrical commercial and residential power in the United States comes from a variety of sources. Our new data center will be receiving our power through PacifiCorp, which like most utilities has a diverse generation portfolio including hydro, geothermal, wind and coal. PacifiCorp is now the #1 utility owner operator of renewables, having grown their portfolio 2,400 percent over the past three years.

When it comes online in early 2011, the new Facebook data center will also be one of the most energy efficient in the world, featuring an innovative cooling system created for the unique climate characteristics in Prineville, Oregon.

The new, world class energy-efficiency technologies the Facebook data center will utilize include an evaporative cooling system; an airside economizer that will bring colder air in from the outside; re-use of server heat to warm office space in the colder months; and new patent pending highly efficient electrical design will reduce electricity usage by up to 12 percent. The entire facility will be built to LEED Gold standards.

The State of Oregon has a very aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standard, calling for 25 percent of power in the state to be produced by renewable resources by 2025. Facebook believes this policy will ensure continued growth of renewable generation resources. Facebook's commitment is, regardless of generation source, to use electricity as wisely and as efficiently as possible.

## London Mayor Plans Plastic Bag-Free City By 2012

Source: londonist.com

Aiming to stick some more feathers in his cap of remarkable achievements, Boris Johnson has announced aggressive targets for London's waste including the ambition to be plastic bag free for the Olympics and to send zero waste to landfill by 2025.

London still has the lowest recycling rate in England, despite some innovative schemes and helpful websites. Key proposals in the Mayor's municipal waste strategy include better coordination of recycling city-wide, making it easier for people in flats to recycle, provision of better 'on the go' recycling facilities and encouraging

businesses to 'design out' waste and reduce packaging.

Sniffing a feasible win, the strategy looks to build on local schemes to cut plastic bag use (something London Councils wimped out on in 2008) and support and encourage reuse networks like the fabulous Freecycle.

Long term, such measures should save money for councils and taxpayers as well as reduce greenhouse gases but only if Boris' enthusiasm filters down to practical schemes that really help change wasteful ways.

## RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION & PLANNING SOCIETY

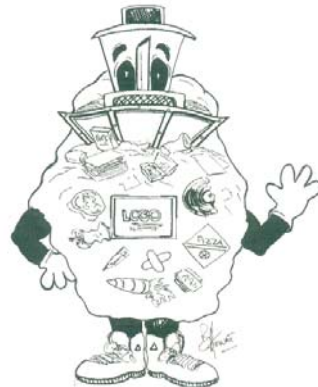
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### Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Gardener's think about switching your **peat pots** used to start your seedlings to **biodegradable pots** based on crops such as rice straw, wheat straw, corn cob, coconut and bamboo shavings/power etc as the main raw material.



Helping to save our bogs!

## RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

### Seed Starter Pots from Toilet Paper or Cardboard Tubes

1. Flatten the tube and crease the sides (one way and then the other way).
2. Unflatten and flatten again so the previous creases line up.
3. Now your cardboard roll should have 4 sides and 4 corners.
4. Cut the rolls to make shorter tubes. Cutting the toilet paper rolls in 1/2 makes a good size pot.
5. On one end of the small tube, cut along each of the creases about 1/4 of the way up the tube.
6. Fold down flaps, creasing well.
7. Interlock the flaps like a box top.
8. Fill your seed starter pots with soil and plant your seeds.
9. When your seedlings are ready to go in the garden, simply plant the entire pot. The cardboard will decompose in the ground and will protect the roots during transplanting.



## Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society (AKA REAPS)

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Deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication date. Articles, suggestions for articles, or comments in general are *much* appreciated, and can be submitted to the REAPS office via email at [newsletter@reaps.org](mailto:newsletter@reaps.org)

### RECYCLING and ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLANNING SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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#### Annual Membership Fee:

- Individual (\$8.00)  
 Family (\$15.00)  
 Business (\$25.00)  
 Student (\$5.00)  
 Senior (\$5.00)

I'm interested in volunteering:  Yes  No

Things that I would like to take part in are:

- School presentations  
 Master Composter Program  
 Spring Plant Sale  
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