

REAPS



REPORT

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November 2006

COMING EVENTS

- Nov 1st 3rd Annual Rotten Pumpkin Festival @ Exploration Place 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Nov 25 REAPS Annual Recycle Toy Drive @ NIHU 2p.m to 4 p.m.
- Nov 26 Buy Nothing Day
- Dec 21 First Day of Winter Solice
- February REAPS AGM

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PRINCE GEORGE wins the National Communities in Bloom Award

The Communities in Bloom Committee thanks the community of Prince George for winning the 2006 National Communities in Bloom Championship at the National Awards gala in Brandon Manitoba on Saturday, September 23rd, 2006.

“I am so proud of our community,” says Councilor Shirley Gratton, Communities in Bloom Committee member. “Prince George outshined its competitors this year in each of the eight categories and it is so rewarding to see every sector of our community come together to showcase the very best that we have to offer on a national stage.”

The Committee gratefully acknowledges the many

volunteers who worked so hard for the past ten years in beautification efforts. “It is thanks to our volunteers, Mayor Colin Kinsey and members of City Council, a host of sponsors, and the community of Prince George who are the real winners,” says Anne Martin, Communities in Bloom Chair. “Without their commitment, dedication and support, this National award would not have been possible.”

Prince George was the overall national winner in its category with five blooms and a score of 86.3%. The city was judged in eight categories including Tidiness, Landscaped Areas, Turf and Groundcover, Heritage Conserva-

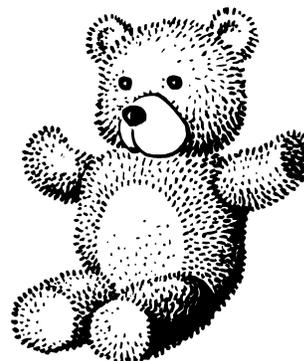
tion, Urban Forestry, Floral Displays, Environmental Effort and Community Involvement. Some of its competitors in the 50,001 to 1000,000 population category included Kawartha Lakes, ON; Saint John, BC; Lethbridge, AB, North Bay, ON; Medicine Hat, AB; Peterborough, ON; Wood Buffalo, AB; and Sault St. Marie, ON.

“Communities in Bloom is about celebrating our community, fostering civic pride, and showcasing all that we offer,” says Mayor Colin Kinsley. “It also reinforces once again the great community we live in and the spirit of the people who make us proud.”

REAPS ANNUAL RECYCLE TOY DRIVE

R.E.A.P.S has hosted this event for the past 9 years, collecting quality used toys for distribution to local children advocacy groups. R.E.A.P.S will also be collecting pet items for the local SPCA again this year.

The event will be taking place on Saturday, Nov. 25/06 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.



at the Northern Interior Health Unit (auditorium) 144 Edmonton Street.

If you have a local charity group that is interested in receiving used toys please contact events@reaps.org or call 561-7327.

Currently there are 11 local groups who will be receiving the toys.

R.E.A.P.S. NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

<http://www.GreenYourLife.com>

The website offers a uniquely designed directory of listings for green products and services. That bring together in one, convenient, easily searchable site a wide range of green products and services, from organic foods and non-toxic home furnishings, to green business products and alternative energy.

Book of the Month

In Made to Break: Technology and Obsolescence in America

The Richmond, B.C.-based author explains in painful detail why cast-off cell phones -- and countless other products and electronic devices, from pocket calculators to PCs -- are quietly creating the largest toxic waste stream the world has ever known. The situation is bad, and in three years' time, he notes, it's about to get much worse.

<http://thetyee.ca/Books/2006/08/01/MadeToBreak/>



REAPS SCHOOL DISTRICT 57 WASTE REDUCTION WEEK CHALLENGE

October was Waste Reduction Month and REAPS' goal was to raise awareness of the environmental and economic problems associated with waste and to demonstrate what communities, businesses, institutions and individuals in Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George can do by working together. By reducing waste, we conserve precious resources, minimize pollution and save money. The challenge is to encourage everyone to reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, and conserve water and energy.



The R.E.A.P.S School District 57 Waste Reduction Challenge (**October 16 –20**) was meant to show and encourage children and teachers on

how they can reduce their environmental footprint and to put fun into the classroom around garbage! Classes that enrolled in the challenge were responsible for producing as little waste as possible during waste reduction week. This meant they had to recycle, compost, choose environmentally-friendly lunch packaging (reusable) and really think hard about their everyday lives and the wastes they create. Each participating class received a certificate and a "surprise" for their participation in this challenge. The class with the least amount of classroom garbage was Ecole College Heights Elementary Grade 2 French Immersion Class winning the \$100 cash prize!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The contribution from volunteers are fundamental part to every community. Exciting opportunities are available with REAPS, join others in promoting the 3Rs and providing Environmental Education in our community.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR— responsible for newsletter that is published 6 times a year. Use your creative writing skills to reach our members. Approx. 4-6 hours every 2 months.

DUMPY THE OVERFED LANDFILL— is REAPS mascot which attends school presentations and community events. Approx. 1.5 hours a month.

BOARD MEMBERS— in February at the AGM all positions are available to interested persons. Check out the website for more info. Approx. 2 hours a month commitment.

RECYCLE TOY DRIVE— assist with the sorting, packaging and delivering of items received Nov. 25, 2006 from 2—4 p.m.

Interested in one of the above, contact Terri at 561-7327 or e-mail volunteer@reaps.org

SCHOOL	TEACHER	GRADE	# STUDENTS	TOTAL WT in g	Wt/stud. in grams
College Hts. Elem.	Denise Little	2	22	65.8	2.99
Giscome Elem. School	Ann MacIntyre	k to 7	23	147	6.39
Sacred Heart	Nuala Power	2 & 3	26	186	7.15
Ctrl Ft. George	Maggie Spicer	2&3	22	179	8.14
Foothills Elem.	Mrs. B. Kelly	2 & 3	23	697.7	30.33
College Hts. Elem.	L. Maloney / K. Trepanier	2&3	19	624	32.84
Shady Valley	Harmony Watts	5 & 6	15	750	50.00
Foothills Elem.	Jackie McLaughlin	3	21	1105.1	52.62
Shady Valley	Mrs. Duck	3&4	20	1100	55.00
Highglen Montessori	Janice Butchart	1 to 3	24	1956	81.50
Shady Valley	Mrs. Rowe	k to 2	15	1600	106.67

LOCAL NEWS

Do you know where to RECYCLE in your neighbourhood?

The average household can reduce their garbage at the curb by 30-40% by recycling their waste. Another 30—35% of kitchen / yard waste can be composted in your backyard. Make it your goal to reduce your waste!

HART RETURN- IT CENTRE

The Hart Re-turn It Centre on the Hart Hwy has been sold. The new owner will be opening at a new location closer to the Hart area and ready for business within the next couple of weeks.



BBK BOTTLE DEPOT

2649 Vance Road 561-7475

- ALL refundable beverage containers (pop cans, pop bottles, spirits and beer cans)
NOTE: labels must remain on the items
- milk jugs (rinsed / washed)

TRANSFER STATIONS for locations near you go to www.rdffg.bc.ca - Environmental Services

NECHAKO BOTTLE DEPOT

1922—1st Avenue 562-3871

- Common household hazardous waste (items such as cleaners, oils, paints, and pesticides contain hazardous components.) (NOTE: must be in the original containers with labels)
- ALL paper products (office paper, cardboard, box board, magazines, labels, flyers)
- tin cans (rinsed / washed), metal lids
- milk jugs (rinsed / washed)
- ALL refundable beverage containers (pop cans, pop bottles, spirits and beer cans)
NOTE: labels must remain on the items

Have a “Green” Christmas

‘Twas the weeks before Christmas and all through the town Families were “greening”, Eco-friendly ideas to be found.

Stockings were hung by the chimney with care, (These were actually socks Dad later would wear).

We’re saving by replacing those old incandescents, Instead we will use energy-efficient fluorescents.

Unpacking “surprises”, decorations from last year, To reduce and re-use brings memories of cheer.

The tree was all twinkling and sparkling so merry, Efficient mini-lights lit up the garland of berries.

Greetings were sent over the net, “To dear Uncle Ronald and Auntie Yvette”.

Families tried hard to think creative thoughts, Of gifts for the giving without a package or box.

Shopping can be fun, but it’s not necessary, For meaningful gifts to keep Christmas merry.

“What about donating books to our public library, An inscription would say, ‘From our sweet old Aunt Mary’ “.

“Or a donation to pets at the SPCA, It would keep them all fed for many a day”.

The children were wrapping gifts in reusable stuff, T-shirts and towels, and even ear-muffs.

There were tickets for shows and coupons for chores, And wreaths of pine cones to hangs on the doors.

Eventually time passed on a great Christmas day. Once again it was time to pack things away.

Saved were the baubles and strings of bright lights, The popcorn garlands became bird food delights.



So that from their tree, they could get the utmost, It went to the curb, to be chipped for compost.

Adapted by Karen and Alyssa Thomas

**Season’s Greenings from
R.E.A.P.S**

AROUND BC

How shopping malls have become a major forum for Sustainability

Written by: Rob Matthies

For Alexandra, it began with a packet of seeds given by an uncle. For 11-year-old Simon, his love for trees came from learning about salmon habitats during a trip to a nature centre. For the students of a Surrey public school, their reasons varied from, simply wanting to do something about forest fires, to reading about why glaciers are in full retreat. These are some reasons why kids came to a workshop to build their own solar ovens at a mall in a Vancouver suburb. These young people say they'll use their solar ovens for camping. Solar ovens may even bring more people outdoors, as bonfire permits in BC get more restrictive, due to the risk of forest fires.

Free, hands-on, open-to-anyone Sustainability mall events are a new trend in BC. They started just a year ago, when Solar Power Roadshow put together the Raging Grannies, Vancouver councillors, electric bikes, a pop music band, and a baking contest for a mall. That event worked rather well. Another mall event that made the papers' front page was an exciting tractor-pull race using remote-controlled electric

skateboards. These powerful e-skateboards are used by some commuters as an alternative to the car in traffic-locked Vancouver. Then, last Halloween, we organized a used Jack-o-lantern recycling drive that brought people to a mall, to drop off clean, used pumpkins, for eastside soup kitchens.

Thanks to another shopping mall's initiative, kids now know that sail-cars and wind turbines came were used by ancient Chinese people. Sail-wagons and sail-carts were even used to build the Great Wall of China. Humans used sail-wagons for 3,500 years. Germany had a sail-train between two cities that ended in only 40 years ago. Sail-power is coming back, as oil supplies shrink. Some European ocean-going container ships are wind-assisted. With help from mall staff, we led kids in a hand-on sailcar workshop, which they decorated, raced, and took proudly home.

Why do people come to malls for Sustainability events? More than one person said, they're concerned about the loss of nature, and the apparent lack of green transporta-

tion options. To which we often reply, we came by public transit or by an electric vehicle.

Sustainable energy awareness takes many forms, including stage-magic shows that we've performed at three malls. But, it's not always just a trick: A patented process that uses molecular energy powers our water devices. These magic shows always end with everyone performing the 'David-Suzuki-save-a-tree-karate' exercises. Thus, everybody leaves with more energy than they arrived with!

RELEVANT WEBSITE:

<http://solar-ovens.blogspot.com/>

About the author: Rob Matthies is a presenter with Solar Power "Roadshow, an NGO educating kids from ages 5 to 75 in a fun way, and dedicated to the proposition that "Anybody Can Make Energy." He travels on an electric bike that will soon be charged with solar panels.

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Tips For Reducing the Clutter in your Mailbox

1. The first culprit of course is unaddressed admail /householders, more commonly known as "flyers". For advertisers, these are a very effective way to reach potential customers. Not all consumers appreciate this type of mail though. A few years ago Canada Post introduced a "consumer choice" option. To suspend delivery of flyers, a customer only has to write a simple letter to the local letter carrier supervisor. This written request must include a date, customer name and address, and a signature. Because advertisers pay to have flyers delivered to each household, Canada Post must have a letter on file for each household which does not want flyers. This option will suspend all flyers

except political and Canada Post flyers.

2. The next culprit is addressed admail. Write directly to senders to ask to be removed from their mailing lists, or at least reduce duplicate copies being sent to your address. (Many companies will gladly reduce duplicates-- it saves their printing costs). If you can't seem to find the time to write... jot down pertinent information (addresses, account numbers, etc.) during your morning coffee or evening tea, then carry envelopes, paper, stamps, and pens with you and take advantage of waiting room time or bus rides, etc. To have all Addressed Admail stopped, the customer should write to the following addresses asking them to

have their members delete his or her name from their mailing lists.

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CANADIAN DIRECT MARKETING ASSOCIATION
DO NOT MAIL SERVICE
1 CONCORDE GATE SUITE 607
DON MILLS ON M3C 3N6
CANADA
Tel: (416) 391 2362
Fax: (416) 441 4062

AROUND THE WORLD

Mobile Phone Companies Commit to Environmental Action Plan

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ESPOO, Finland, Sept. 21, 2006 - A group of mobile manufacturers, network operators, suppliers, recyclers, consumer and environmental organizations, led by Nokia, has committed to improve the environmental performance of mobile phones and to do more to raise consumer awareness and participation in take-back and recycling.

The group was created as part of a European Commission pilot project looking at how different industries could work with stakeholder groups to reduce the environmental impact of their products throughout their lifecycle.

Nokia proposed the mobile phone sector to the Commission. Other members of the voluntary group were Motorola, Panasonic Mobile Communications, France Telecom/Orange, Vodafone, Teliasonera AB, Intel, Epson, Spansion and Umicore, and environmental experts from the WWF, the Finnish Environmental Institute, the UK's Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the European Consumers' Organisation (BEUC).

The group has agreed upon a series of new initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of mobile phones. These include reducing energy consumption, eliminating the use of specific materials of concern, improving the amount of phones collected through take-back schemes and recycled, and giving consumers more environmental information about products.

Veli Sundback, Executive Vice-President Corporate Relations and Responsibility, Nokia, said, "Managing environmental performance is an important responsibility for the entire mobile sector. By working together with environmental groups we have been able to find new ways to make improvements at each stage of a mobile phone's lifecycle, from when it is made right through to how it can be recycled. We are now committed to turning these ideas into action and maintaining a long-term commit-

ment to this issue."

He added, "This project has also created valuable learnings for the Commission on effective policy and approaches to regulation, and we hope they will take these into account in the development of future environmental legislation."

Specific changes and actions the group has agreed to make include:

- **Energy consumption.** To reduce the energy consumption of mobile phones the manufacturers have agreed to take action by equipping phones with reminders to unplug chargers once the battery is recharged. Nokia plans to



have these alerts in new phones by the middle of next year.

Nokia estimates that if this measure led to only 10% of the world's mobile phone users turning off the electricity supply to the chargers after use this would save enough energy in one year to power 60,000 European homes annually.

- **Removing materials of concern.** The group has agreed to take action to go beyond current regulatory standards and eliminate or reduce additional hazardous materials used in manufacturing including certain flame retardants and phthalates.

Nokia no longer use Brominated Flame Retardants (BFR) on new printed wiring boards used to make mobile phones. Nokia has also set the goal of ensuring that all new components used in its mobile phones are free of BFR by early next year, and its products have been

free of PVC for the last year.

- **Improving the take-back and recycling of mobile phones.** The mobile operators will work with manufacturers and the other stakeholders to increase the amount of used or unwanted phones that are brought back by consumers for recycling. Over the next two years the group will look at the range of existing recycling schemes operated around the world and identify which work most successfully and why. They will also pilot the use of incentive schemes in a number of different markets around the world to understand how these can be used to improve collection rates.

The most successful schemes and incentives will be identified and shared right across the industry.

- **More informed consumers.** The group has agreed to provide more information and guidance to consumers about the environmental performance of mobile phones, helping them to make more informed purchasing choices. This initiative has begun by researching and understanding the specific information consumers require, and will then make this available on the products and at the point of purchase.

Commenting on the action plan, Matthew Wilkinson, Policy Adviser at WWF International, said, "WWF is pleased to have collaborated with industry on this initiative to try to secure - ahead of regulation - environmental benefits from the mobile phone sector. We will continue our stakeholder involvement in the project, and look forward to the sector delivering on its commitments."

Charlotte Grezo, Vodafone Director for Corporate Responsibility, said, "It is important that the mobile industry continues to provide ways for customers to return unwanted mobile phones. Customer involvement is key to our ongoing success and we are keen to try out innovative incentives in order to recover resources and minimise environmental impact."

Ontario to Start Deposit-Return System February 07

Canadian Press

BRAMPTON, Ont. — Premier Dalton McGuinty had few details Sunday as he announced Ontario would start charging deposits on all liquor and wine containers sold through Liquor Control Board stores as of next February.

Mr. McGuinty said the deposit-return system would apply to all liquor and wine bottles, cans and soft-sided containers sold through the LCBO and wine stores, and that empties would be returned to local Beer Stores for a refund. "It's simple, it's straightforward," he told staff at the Beer Store distribution centre in Brampton. "We're going to take advantage of a Beer Store infrastructure. It'll be consumer friendly, and it'll be great for the environment."

Mr. McGuinty couldn't say how much of a deposit would be charged on liquor and wine containers, but said it would be comparable to other provinces — between 10 and 40 cents a container, depending on the size.

He also couldn't say how much the Beer Store would be paid to handle all of the empty liquor and wine bottles, cans and cartons, but admitted they wouldn't be doing it "out of the goodness of their hearts" because of the costs involved.

"The single most important thing that Ontarians need to know is that we have come kicking and screaming out of the dark ages when it comes to LCBO con-

tainers," he said. "It's the concept here that's really important to Ontarians."

The Premier also couldn't say if the LCBO will have to keep paying \$5 million a year towards the blue box program, which was in lieu of having a deposit-return system for empties.

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario — whose members split the cost of the blue box program with companies like the LCBO — applauded the new deposit-return system Sunday.



AMO estimates Ontario property taxpayers pay about \$23 million a year to collect, process and market glass containers sold by the LCBO that end up in blue boxes. "An LCBO deposit-return makes good sense environmentally and economically," said AMO president Doug Reycraft.

Environment Minister Laurel Broten said the new plan for LCBO containers could divert up to the equivalent of about 80 million bottles from landfills each year. "We're on the right track," she said. "The environmental benefits are clear."

Opposition leader John Tory said Sunday he likes the idea of a deposit-return system for liquor bottles, but criticized the Liberal government's plan as poorly thought out. "This is a death bed repentance because of the impending Michigan garbage crisis — a problem Dalton McGuinty's lack of leadership has created," Tory said in a telephone interview.

"Mr. McGuinty can't answer even the most basic questions about this program, which proves it's just another PR stunt. Liberals have done nothing to keep their promise of increasing waste diversion to 60 per cent, and we've seen no progress reports."

Mr. McGuinty dismissed claims the new plan could halt construction of a proposed glass recycling plant in the Toronto area, saying it won't be reducing the amount of glass available in the marketplace.

Unlike beer bottles, which are returned to be refilled, the empty liquor and wine bottles will be separated so the valuable clear glass doesn't get mixed up with less desirable coloured glass. That's what happens now when bottles are placed in blue boxes and break, resulting in most of the glass going to landfill sites instead of being recycled.

BUY NOTHING DAY

Friday, November 24th 2006 is International Buy Nothing Day - it's a day where you challenge yourself, your family and friends to switch off from shopping and tune into life for a day. Celebrated as a holiday by some, a street party by others - anyone can take part provided they spend a day without spending!

The challenge is easy - try simple living for a day! Spend time with family and friends, rather than spend money on them. It may sound boring and cliché, but love is one thing money can't buy!

Buy Nothing Day also exposes the environmental and ethical consequences of consumerism. The developed countries - only 20% of the world population are consuming over 80% of the earth's natural resources, causing a disproportionate level of environmental damage and unfair distribution of wealth.

As consumers, we need to question the products we buy and challenge the companies who produce them. What are the true risks to the environment and developing countries? It's our responsibility to look for simple

solutions and Buy Nothing Day is a good place to start.

Buy Nothing Day isn't about changing your lifestyle for just one day - we hope it will be a lasting relationship - maybe a life changing experience? We want people to make a commitment to consuming less, recycling more and challenging corporations to clean up and be fair.



Report Sees Solar Ready to Shine on Consumer source: Re-

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DRESDEN, Germany, Sept. 8, 2006 - Solar power can deliver electricity to more than 2 billion people, provide over 2 million jobs with an annual investment of 113 billion euros (US\$143 billion) by 2025, according to a report just published by Greenpeace International and the European Photovoltaic Industry Association.

The report, titled "SolarGeneration" also explains that 350 million tons of CO₂ emissions would be cut - the equivalent amount from 140 coal power stations and by 2040, solar electricity could provide over 16% of the global demand.

"Solar energy is on the brink of leading the highly competitive consumer energy market, therefore the industry must invest further now in mass production to bring the costs down," said Teske. "The next two years are crucial for solar electricity to move out of the niche market and into mainstream energy production where it belongs. For the expansion of solar power to be successful, commitment from not only the industry but also Governments must play their part in the energy revolution. The industry is ready - where are the Governments?"

In 2005 the total installed capacity of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems around the world passed the landmark figure of 5000MW (= 10 average size coal power plants). Global shipments of PV cells and modules have been growing at an average annual rate of more than 40% for the past few years. Such has been the growth in the solar electricity industry that business only of the European

PV industry in 2005 was worth more than € 5 billion; on a global scale the industry's turnover was approximately €10 billion.

"In 2006 the solar industry will invest well over 1 billion Euros along the whole value chain in new solar factories and R&D in order to increase the economy of scale and to lower the costs for solar photovoltaic systems," said Dr. Winfried Hoffmann, President of the European Photovoltaic Industry Association and member of the managing committee of SCHOTT Solar. "The global photovoltaic industry is ready to invest even more for years to come, but there must be a stable political framework for the next ten years to enable this investment to pay off."

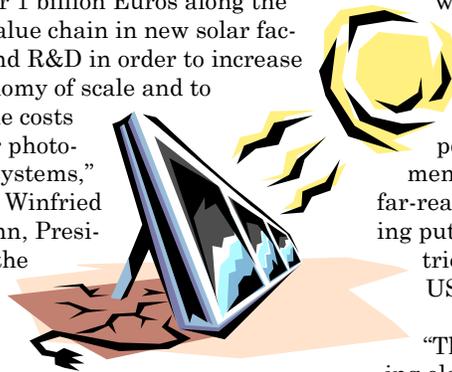
Greenpeace International and the European Photovoltaic Industry Association are urging Governments to secure those investments with support programs. The most successful scheme is a "feed-in tariff" which guarantees a specific price for each Kilowatt-hour fed into the grid. The "feed-in policy" has already been introduced in 41 countries, states and provinces enabling consumers to operate a solar system on their rooftop economically. In addition legally binding targets for the share of renewable energy in the EU for 2015 and 2020 are urgently

needed.

Competition among the major manufacturers has become increasingly intense, with new players entering the market as the potential for PV opens up. The worldwide photovoltaic industry, particularly in Europe and Japan, is investing heavily in new production facilities and technologies. At the same time, political support for the development of solar electricity has led to far-reaching promotion frameworks being put in place in a number of countries, notably Germany, Japan, the US and China.

"The best protection against escalating electricity prices is installing your own solar modules on your roof," said Teske. "Distributed energy' from solar panels will save billions of tons of CO₂ emissions and guarantee stable electricity prices for families around the world. The day you install a solar generator on your roof, is independence day from your energy bill."

The European Photovoltaic Industry Association (EPIA) and Greenpeace have produced this third edition of Solar Generation to update our understanding of the contribution that solar power can make to the world's energy supply. This joint initiative adopted the title "SolarGeneration" because it aims to define the role that solar electricity will play in the lives of a population born today and developing into an important energy consumption group.



Tip of the Month: Household Batteries

Resist the temptation to buy non-rechargeable batteries: They look very appealing in the store due to their lower prices and bulk quantities, but there are limited recycling options for dealing with them once they are worn out. Older alkaline batteries may also contain mercury, a toxic metal known to pose health risks.

Invest in a charger and a set of rechargeable batteries: Newer nickel-metal-hydrate and lithium-ion rechargeable batteries are more powerful and don't have the limitations of older nickel-cadmium cells. They can be reused hundreds of times and can actually save you battery costs in the long run.

When your batteries don't hold a charge anymore, recycle them: There is a free, widespread recycling program in place for rechargeable batteries. The program accepts a wide variety of dry cells including nickel-cadmium, lithium-ion, small-sealed-lead, and nickel-metal-hydrate batteries. At recycling plants, batteries are sorted by their chemical makeup and broken down for metal recovery. Visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation website at www.rbrcc.org or call the REAPS Recycling Hotline 561-7327 for the closest drop-off locations near you.



RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLANNING SOCIETY

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1950 Gorse Street

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Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society,

(AKA R.E.A.P.S)

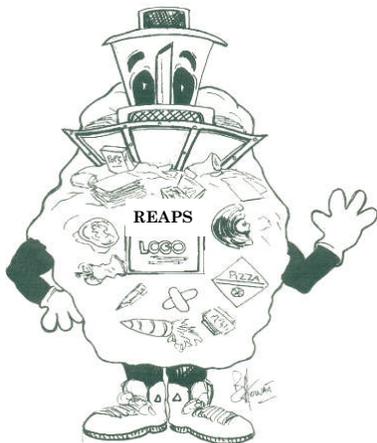
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Deadline for submission is two weeks prior to publication date. Articles, suggestions for articles, or comments in general can be submitted to the R.E.A.P.S office @ garden@reaps.org

Dumpy's tip of the month:

Recycle your glass household jars to any Return-it depot to be recycled. Remember to wash first and remove the lid.



RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Light Bulb Santa

NEED:

burned out lightbulb, acrylic craft paints in white, red, flesh toned, black and blue (plain markers may work) , paint brushes , rubbing alcohol, white pipe cleaner for hanger, jingle bell or pom pom, batting for hat trim, hot glue gun



1. Clean the lightbulb thoroughly with rubbing alcohol to help the paint adhere to the glass. Paint the bulb in a base coat of white, let dry, and repeat.

2. When dry, copy the facial features from the photo above. Paint an oval for the face area in flesh tone. When dry, add white whiskers around the face, creating a fairly large moustache. In red, add a thin line for lips below the moustache. Add two red circular shapes for the red cheeks. When dry, dab white onto the red cheeks to make them reddish-pink. Add white eyebrows. In black, with a small, fine tipped brush - or a black paint marker, outline the eye shapes. Add very faint black irregular lines on the moustache and beard to provide definition and shape. When dry, dot on blue paint or paint marker for eye color.

3. For the hat, create a cone shape from a square of red felt or other red fabric and use hot gun to retain the shape you want, making sure it will fit over the metal part of the bulb. Cut the bottom of the hat in a straight line and a hot glue a strip of white trim around the brim. Bend the top of the hat to one side, and hot glue in place. Add a bell trim or pom pom at the end, either stitching in place or using a small amount of hot glue.

4. Twist the chenille stem around the bottom of the metal base, above the face, and twist the two ends together in an oval shape to create a hanger. Push the oval down until the hat is in place. Place the hat over the metal base and the chenille stem. Hot glue to secure, making sure that you add glue to the chenille stem as well, under the hat, to fasten it securely. to act as the hanger.

RECYCLING and ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLANNING SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone: _____

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

General Garden Work

Information Booths

Fundraiser Events

Public Workshops and Presentations

Board of Directors

Date: _____

Cheque payable to:
R.E.A.P.S.
Box 444 Prince George, B.C. V2L 4S6

MEMBERSHIPS DUE JANUARY 1ST