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# **REAPS**



# **REPORT**

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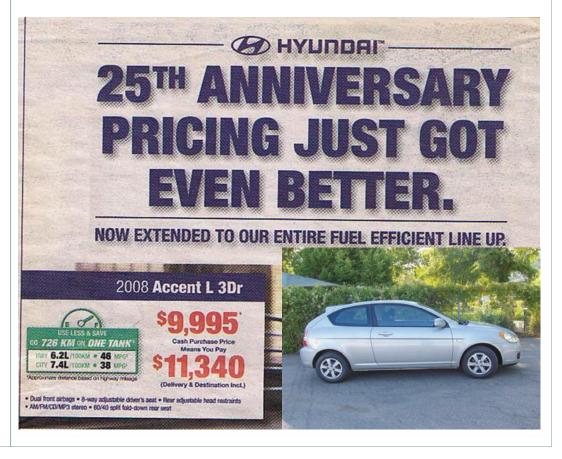
# REAPS Proud Owner of a Fuel Efficient Vehicle!

Last year REAPS received a \$10,000 grant from Direct Access to use towards the purchase of a vehicle to deliver our programs with. In the past REAPS has paid mileage and business insurance for the use of personal vehicles to deliver REAPS programs, costing REAPS between \$300 and \$500 per month. The total cost of the Hyundai Accent was \$12,734.68 with the remaining \$2,734.68 was raised from our plant sale fundraiser. REAPS will be add-

ing their own logo as well as sponsor logos to the vehicle over the next year. 34 days after the purchase we had our first fill up of \$44.03 for 413 km used.

A big thank you to Hyundi who is contributing \$500 towards REAPS logo decal for our vehicle.

Be sure to wave to our team as they drive bye!



# R.E.A.P.S. NEWS

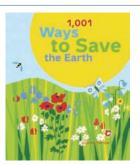
### **Web Pick of the Month**

http://www.on.ec.gc.ca/reseau/watertips/watertips\_e.html WATER CONSERVATION STARTS AT HOME

No living thing can survive without water. Life is supported along water's journey - a journey that often starts high in the mountains and ends at the sea. Water is recycled constantly through its journey. It falls as rain and snow on land, on forests, and on soil, it collects in streams and flows into rivers or underground where it often 'springs' again onto the surface and runs-off into the lakes, rivers and streams. The journey winds through Canada's landscapes . . . on out to the sea. Along the way, water evaporates again, becomes water vapour, rain and snow and falls back to earth. During the journey, water has many uses. It is home to fish and other wildlife and it sustains our rich forests. It is used in every Canadian home. And, it is used for transportation, manufacturing, and for industrial production. Water also helps grow food for Canada and the world.

### **Book of the Month**

By: Joanna Yarrow ISBN-10: 0-8118-5986-X 1,001 Ways to Save the Earth—proves that simple ideas can have major environmental impact. Here are easy tips for every budget and every day, from taking canvas shopping bags to the grocery store to purchasing green energy "off sets" to make up for unavoidable carbon dioxide emissions. Cutting-edge ideas for sup-



porting alternative energy and reducing consumption will inspire veteran recyclers. Plus, the book itself is printed with vegetable-based inks on paper from sustainably managed forests.

### REAPS Received \$200 from Telus

Every year, TELUS encourages it's team members and retirees to contribute to a registered Canadian charitable organization of their choice. TELUS will match those contributions dollar for dollar and donate the money the following year.

REAPS was selected as a beneficiary in Dollars for Dollars 2007, the TELUS team member charitable

giving program. Terri McClymont, Executive Director with REAPS accept the cheque on behalf of REAPS at a reception in July. REAPS formally thanks the Telus Team for their generosity!



# 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.

### **ODE TO MY COMPOST**

What was once a lonely ground is now an ever growing mound of putrid fruit and veggie flesh laid back to earth where juices mesh

Trimmings, clippings, yard waste gold

hold wonders plenty to behold

Cheers to bacteria and earthworm friends

whose thirst for feasting never ends

Then once the magic has worked to the core

It goes back to my garden and gives life once more

 $Melanie\ Desjardines$ 

## **REAPS Waste Challenge**

R.E.A.P.S School 'Waste Reduction Challenge' (October 6 – 10, 2008). The goal is 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 'Waste Reduction Challenge' is 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! Each participating

class will receive a "surprise" at the end of the challenge for their participation. The class with the least amount of classroom garbage during Waste Reduction Week will receive \$100.00!



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

GARDEN HELPERS - seasonal volunteers are needed at the Compost Demo. Garden to assist with fall cleanup, community booths, school presentations.

**NEWSLETTER SUBMIS-SIONS**– have a flare for writing, have a topic of interest please send in.

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

# **LOCAL NEWS**

### National Forestry Week

From crowded cities to spacious countryside, events across the country will celebrate the role and importance of their forests during National Forest Week, September 22 - 28.

The City of Prince George and the Lheidli T'enneh Nation are proud to be chosen as Forest Capital of British Columbia 2008.

Our forests are important to our environmental, social and economic well-being, and they have played a key role

in determining where many of our communities were founded. Canada's forest industries and for-

est-dependent communities are facing many challenges, including new international competition and natural disturbances such as insect infestation.

When it comes to Canada's forests, we have much to be thankful for. Please join in celebrating National Forest Week in Prince George, for a list of events contact the City of Prince George 250-561-7600.



# 8th Annual BC Rivers Day Music Festival

The 2008 will be the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of Simon Fraser's Fraser River Exploration 1808 - 2008 together with a celebration of the BC 150 Years. Each participating group and educational display will be asked to include a historical component to their presentation.

The 200th Anniversary of Simon Fraser's discovery and exploration of the Fraser River and the 150th Anniversary of British Columbia becoming a colony will be depicted through community booths and the children's activities which will incorporate historical aspects in their displays and activities. The information presented through the emcees and speakers will all revolve around these two historical events.

The presentation of history of the community is often lost in these times of electronic media. An event of this nature through all aspects presented on the day, the musicians, the food, and the activities presents an opportunity to provide education in a very positive and enjoyable environment. It is extremely important to take events such as the Prince George BC Rivers Day out to the community in

order that a "hands-on" experience can be realized. It is often through events such as this that new memories are created. This event enables cross-cultural presentation of the very groups that made up the beginnings of the City of Prince George. Many of the participants are direct descendents of the pioneers of the area.

2008 will see a very special Fund Raising Musical Review on the Saturday night prior to the Sunday celebration.

### The Music

Live, Free, Outdoor Music will be at the Kiwanis Bowl Fort George Park, Prince George from Noon -5pm Sunday September 28, 2008, rain or shine.

### 2008 Entertainers

The line-up this year will be ...

Opening Act - Legs N Wheels out of Quesnel

Visit the website www.legsandwheels.com

### Lakeside Ramblers

Visit the <u>Lakeside</u> Ramblers web site.



The First Nations Showcase featuring Bradford Star

# Sept. 27th, 2008, at Vanier Hall

 $\frac{\text{Tickets available through }\underline{\text{Ticket}}}{\underline{\text{Master}}}$ 

Adults \$20, Students (12 and under, Seniors 65+) \$15

Reserved seating only, all Ticket Master fees apply.

### The Voices of Nature

Featuring Holly Arntzen and Kevin Wright and elementary school studetns from three local schools. <a href="https://www.voicesofnature.ca">www.voicesofnature.ca</a>

### JayDee Bixby

Canadian Idol Runner Up. www.jaydeebixby.com

## **AROUND BC**

# Port Moody Strikes Waste-Conversion Deal SUNNY DHILLON From Monday's Globe and Mail July 14, 2008 at 4:52 AM EDT

City to investigate possibility of converting waste into energy that could power 20,000 homes

VANCOUVER — The first B.C. community to introduce the blue recycle box might soon set another precedent by launching a facility that would process 150,000 tonnes of post-recycled waste per year with no air emissions.

The city of Port Moody last week entered into a joint agreement with Plasco Energy Group to explore the development of a waste-conversion facility on the former Barnet Highway landfill.

The facility would process the residual waste into engine-fuel gas, construction aggregate, sulphur suitable for agriculture, salt and clean water. The gas generated would provide enough electricity to power 20,000 homes

Plasco has operated a 100-tonne-per-day demonstration plant in Ottawa since June, 2007. Last month, Ottawa city council unanimously agreed to issue a letter of intent allowing Plasco to build and operate a 400 tonne-per-day facility.

Port Moody Mayor Joe Trasolini - who's twice travelled to Ottawa to study the plant's results and has walked away thoroughly impressed - sees waste conversion facilities as a viable solution to Greater Vancouver's garbage disposal challenges.

"Metro Vancouver, we're behind," Mr. Trasolini said. "The rest of the world looks at solid waste as a resource that needs to be reclaimed instead of dumping solid waste into landfills."

While Port Moody has the inside track on operating the first Plasco facility in B.C. - though Mr. Trasolini stressed that the exploratory agreement is "non-binding" - it likely won't be the last.

"I think that you need several opportunities in Metro Vancouver where instead of trucking wastes throughout the Lower Mainland, you limit the use of trucks with greenhouse gas emissions and have these operations," Mr. Trasolini said.

Rod Bryden, Plasco's president and chief executive officer, agrees.

"I believe that it will be a very well-accepted way of dealing constructively with waste and I'd be very surprised if we did not build others in the Vancouver area," Mr. Bryden said.

The Plasco conversion facility, however, is not without its detractors.

Paul Connett is a professor emeritus from New York's St. Lawrence University and has given more than 2,000 talks in 48 countries on waste management. Mr. Connett, who visited B.C. for a series of lectures late last month, said the Port Moody plan is a shortsighted one. "The real problem here is your local officials have no vision for the 21st century, have no notion of sustainability and are looking for a quick fix," Mr. Connett said.

Mr. Connett believes resource-recovery parks, consisting of waste-reduction initiatives, economic incentives, recycling and composting are the right answer.

"You talk about these [resource recovery parks] and the politician hears this and says, 'Oh my god, this is hard work. I just wanted you to tell me a new place for me to take this crap or a new machine to take this crap and we'll pay the money,' " Mr. Connett said.

Last week, Metro Vancouver's wastemanagement committee voted to identify neighbourhoods in which future wasteconversion facilities could be built. Just what types of facilities are erected in those neighbourhoods is still to be decided.

A feasibility study will now be conducted by Plasco solely at the company's expense. It's expected to last three months. The estimated construction time is 18 months after the required permits are issued.

Details on a public consultation process are expected to be released in the coming weeks. Mr. Trasolini hopes those with concerns come forward and share them.

"This is the beginning of a process where our community is going to be engaged," he said. "We want to hear from them."

## BC Hydro's wind call is "Canada's next gold rush boom"

Corp. of San Diego recently announced a land lease agreement in the Peace River Region to site a wind farm. Initially it was announced that the company would be pursuing approximately 2300 acres of privately owned farmer's field property. After multiple meet-

Welwind Energy International

ings, the company is now looking at doubling its land position to 4680 acres.

The company anticipates acquiring additional private land and/or

crown land around the existing acreage in the near future. Depending on the size of the turbines in-

stalled, the company will be looking at generating a minimum of 100 MW.

"BC Hydro's wind call has created Canada's next gold rush boom," says Shannon de Delley, Director of Welwind. BC Hydro is asking power producers to submit proposals that collectively will add up to 5,000 gigawatt hours of clean or renewable energy per year, enough to power 500,000 homes.

With over 5,000 MW of potential generating capacity in the province, says the company's press release, Welwind's planned 1,600 MW of wind energy capacity would represent close to \$4 billion in investment and would create 3,000 jobs throughout the province.

# AROUND THE WORLD

### Coca-Cola Aims to Increase Recycled Content, Reduce Weight of Bottles

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ATLANTA, Ga. -- Coca-Cola Enterprises, a bottler for the Coca-Cola Company, is creating a recycling stream for turning used bottles into new ones and has plans to reduce the weight and virgin content of bottles.

Although its aluminum cans contain more than 50 percent recycled content and its glass bottles have up to 45 percent recycled content, its PET plastic bottles are made up of only 3.6 percent recycled material.

The company attributes that to the high demand for recycled PET by other industries and a lack of food-grade recycled plastic. By 2010, Coca-Cola Enterprises wants its PET bottles to have 10 percent recycled content. To meet that goal, the Coca-Cola Company is building a bottle-to-bottle recycling plant in Spartanburg, S.C., and Coca-Cola Recycling is developing a supply stream to funnel

high-quality PET for recycling.

Coca-Cola Enterprises also plans to roll out more lighter glass bottles in Great Britain. Last year the company introduced bottles that were 20 percent lighter. By the end of this year, 43 percent of its glass bottles will be the lighter option, and that's expected to grow to 60 percent by 2010.

Two of the company's larger waste goals include recycling or recovering more than 90 percent of waste from production facilities by 2010 and recycling the equivalent of all of its packaging. One facility in the U.S. and 11 in Europe already recycle or recover 90 percent or more of their waste.

Coca Cola Enterprises details its goals and achievements in its recent 2007 Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Report. The company also plans to calculate its carbon footprint in all of the countries it operates in and set emission reduction goals this year. And by 2010 the company hopes to improve its water use ratio by 10 percent. Last year it used 1.77 liters of water for each liter of beverage produced. To cut that down, the company will invest \$15 million in new technology, including recycling and reclaiming processes in water treatment systems.



## Garment Recycling at MEC

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As part of our Sustainability Policy, MEC has a Garment Recycling Program for polyester-based clothing. Just bring us your clean, worn-out polyester garments, and we'll recycle them into new items. You'll be helping the planet, and reducing your personal footprint at the same time.

### How does it work?

When you have an item of polyester clothing that's no longer useful, bring it to your local MEC store. (Clean it first, please!)

We accept any of the following with a 90% or greater polyester content:

MEC<sup>TM</sup>

- Polartec® (any brand)
- Eco Circle<sup>™</sup> (any brand)
- Patagonia® Common Threads Recycling Program garments

### What happens now?

All items in the garment recycling bin are sorted; we donate products that still show signs of life. The remaining products are sent to Teijin, a fabric manufacturer in Japan, where they are reprocessed into new fibres through Teijin's Eco Circle™ closed-loop recycling system. In this process, garments are crushed, turned into granules, then run through a chemical reaction process that removes dyes and

other chemicals before turning it back into raw polyester (polyester polymer), then new Eco Circle fibre.

These new fibres are then used to make new garments, and the circle of life continues. Who knows? Perhaps the reason your new fleece seems so perfect is because it contains fibres from your old favourite jacket.



# Canadian Firm Bombardier Launches Green Planes Program

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Canadian aircraft and rail manufacturer <u>Bombardier</u> is launching a new family of fuel-efficient, single-aisle commercial airliners.

Bombardier, based in Montreal, unveiled its program for the new CSeries family of aircraft on July 13 in England, on the eve of the industry's prestigious <u>Farnborough</u> International Airshow.

In announcing the launch of the 110- to 130-seat airliners that will seat five abreast, the firm signalled that it is positioning its new jets as challengers to the smallest aircraft in the 737 and A320 lines built by Boeing and Airbus.

"The CSeries family offers the greenest single-aisle aircraft in its class," said Gary Scott, president of Bombardier Commercial Aircraft.

"These game-changing aircraft emit up to 20 percent less CO2 and up to 50 percent less NOx, fly four times quieter, and deliver dramatic energy savings – up to 20 percent fuel burn advantage as well as up to 15 percent improved cash operating costs versus current in-production aircraft of similar size. The CSeries aircraft will set a new benchmark in the industry, consuming as little as two liters of fuel per passenger per 100 kilometers in its more dense seating layouts."

Bombardier also said its CSeries family will feature increased use of composites and aluminum lithium, a next-generation

engine — the Pratt & Whitney Geared Turbofan — and other new systems technology, including fly-by-wire and fourthgeneration aerodynamics.

The new jets, funded partly by the Canadian and British governments, have a list price of about \$46.7 million U.S. and are scheduled to go into service in 2013.

Lufthansa has signed a letter of interest for as many as 60 jets, including 30 options, with Bombardier. Executives from the leading German airline said they were pleased to be launch customers and attended the Bombardier news conference, which was staged at the Canadian firm's CSeries pavilion at the airshow.

"At Lufthansa, we are committed to a balance between commercial success. environment and business policies oriented toward sustainability," said Nico Buchholz, senior vice president for Lufthansa's corporate fleet. "Our initial evaluations of the CSeries family of aircraft and discussions with Bombardier over the last few months have evolved and made us believe that the CSeries family of aircraft clearly meets our stringent requirements for sustainable fleet development, both in terms of environmental and commercial requirements, and flexibility for the future. We are proud to be a part of its launch."

Bombardier said its new airliner family is intended to "meet the growing needs of the 100- to 149-seat commercial aircraft

market category." The firm estimated that market at some 6,300 aircraft, which Bombardier said represents more than \$250 billion US revenue in



the next 20 years. The company also said it "expects to be able to capture up to half of this market."

Boeing and Airbus executives at the airshow later responded with "polite condescension" to Bombardier's plans, the Seattle Times reported. One suggested that the market Bombardier identified for its CSeries might not be as robust as the Canadian firm expects, and another noted that Bombardier is launching in a competitive field with a letter of interest, rather than firm orders, for new jets that would use an engine that has yet to be tested in flight, the Seattle Times said.

On July 15, Bombardier announced that it signed a contract with the Shenyang Aircraft Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the state-owned China Aviation Industry Corporation (AVIC I), to supply the center fuselage on CSeries aircraft.

According to Bombardier, final assembly of the airliners will occur at the firm's facility in Mirabel, Quebec. The aft fuselage and cockpit are to be manufactured at Bombardier's Saint-Laurent facility, also in Quebec. The wings will be designed and manufactured at the company's site in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

### Nissan's ECO Pedal Pushes Back When Driving's Inefficient

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TOKYO, JP -- Nissan has developed a vehicle feature to give drivers visual and physical feedback on their fuel consumption.

The company's recently-announced ECO Pedal system determines the vehicle's ideal acceleration rate based on fuel use and transmission efficiency. It detects when the driver accelerates, and when the speed passes the optimum level, it pushes back on the driver's foot.

An indicator light also glows green when driving in the best range, flashes when accelerating and turns yellow when past the ideal limit.

The feedback system can be turned off, and Nissan plans to

have the ECO Pedal in vehicles in 2009. The company says its internal research show using the system can improve fuel efficiency by 5-10 percent.

The company also recently announced it developed a prototype electric vehicles with batteries two times more powerful than current options.

The vehicle's 80 kilowatt motor uses lithium-ion batteries instead of nickel-metal batteries. The company plans to release electric vehicles in the United States and Japan in 2010 and elsewhere in the world in 2012.



# Work continues on Degradable Product Stewardship Guide source: Environment and Plastics Industry Council News & Views July 2008

Due to the increased interest in sustainable packaging and society's ongoing drive to lessen its environmental footprint, users today are considering biodegradable packaging as another option. Biodegradable packaging, however, is a complex subject that deserves careful analysis before selection.

To help disseminate information on biodegradable plastic products, the Canadian Plastics Industry Association (CPIA) plans to release the new *Product Stewardship Guide and Commitment for Degradable Plastics* by the end of this year. The new *Guide* will provide a framework for producers, users, specifiers and buyers to steer the design, manufacture and marketing of degradable plastic products. Already, meetings

have been held with industry, government and retailers, and a multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee has been established. Definitions of the terminology to be used in the Guide have recently been sent to this Committee, and CPIA is awaiting feedback before issuing the first draft. The Guide will also be presented to the Competitions Bureau, before CPIA issues the final draft.

There is a standard in Canada that governs environmental claims for manufacturers and suppliers marketing biodegradable products - the National Standard of Canada CAN/CSA-ISO 14021 "Self Declared Environmental Claims and Labels". Failure to comply with this standard could involve the Competition Bureau. The Canadian Plastics Industry Association (CPIA) endorses this standard, which requires that: 1/ "claims should

be accurate and not misleading" 2/ "claims should be substantiated and verified" 3/ "claims should be relevant to that particular product and used only in an appropriate context and setting" This would indicate that: A biodegradable claim should be specific to an end environment where the product is to biodegrade (e.g. a composting facility). A biodegradable plastic product should meet an accepted recognized standard relevant to the environment in which the product will end up (e.g. composting). Conformance with a standard should be certified by an accredited thirdparty agency. A biodegradable plastic product should pose no detrimental environmental impact, including the contamination of existing recycling streams. Documentary evidence should be made available to all who ask at a reasonable

## Demand For Recyclable Polystyrene Packaging Increases source: Environment

and Plastics Industry Council News & Views July 2008

Used polystyrene packaging is in greater demand these days, thanks to expanding end market opportunities. One of these markets is the Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Alliance (CPRA), which purchased the equipment and technology from the Canadian Polystyrene Recycling Association late last year.

The new CPRA is owned by an established Port Hope-based company and joins a highly successful group of companies dedicated to the recovery and remanufacture of polystyrene into picture frames and other products. The new CPRA has sales across North America, employs 250 Ontarians, and has showrooms in Atlanta Georgia, and Toronto.

Recognizing that the creation of CPRA provides municipalities with an opportunity to expand the diversion of their plastic packaging waste, EPIC is helping the new entity facilitate meetings with municipalities interested in polystyrene collection. The City of Toronto, in particular, is interested in adding polystyrene to its curbside program later this year.

"We welcome this new opportunity to divert plastic packaging waste," says Cathy Cirko, Vice President, Environment and Health, Canadian Plastics Industry Association, who adds that the market for polystyrene and other recycled plastic products in North America is growing every year. "We're happy to report that North American markets are getting stronger every day."

Polystyrene packaging being recycled by CPRA includes: foam and rigid PS take-out containers for deli, bakery, prepared foods, fresh fruit and vegetables, salad and sandwich boxes; cushion packaging for electronics and other home appliances; foam meat trays and egg cartons; and foam and rigid PS cups and plates

Another growing market for polystyrene, this one for expanded foam polystyrene or cushion polystyrene packaging used for protection of home electronics and other appliances, is Grace Canada. The Ajax, Ontario, company has traditionally sourced its PS primarily from the industrial/commercial sector, but increased demand for the material has spurred Grace Canada to complement this with PS cushion packaging sourced through depot programs at Canadian municipalities.

Grace Canada supplies fire protection, cement and concrete products to the construction industry, and mixes the recycled PS cushion packaging with virgin PS in the manufacturing of its fireproofing products. (See the *Best Practices Guide* article in this issue for further information on Grace Canada's PS cushion packaging depot programs.) The Canadian operation

employs around 100 people in its Ajax facilities.

Another opportunity for recycling PS is available from Brantford-based Dekka Resins. The company recycles PS horticultural or nursery trays, and works with retailers, municipalities and distributors across the country. Dekka Resins takes the trays (which must be baled or cubed) and recycles them into new horticultural trays for the nursery industry. The company also sells the recycled resin for other applications.

These emerging PS markets represent new diversion opportunities for Canadian municipalities and new ways to divert waste from landfill. Like municipalities and consumers, EPIC wants to see increases in the recycling of plastics packaging – above and beyond the current plastic recycling that exists today. To that end, EPIC will continue to conduct market research and undertake demonstration projects to expand the recycling of plastics.



Polystyrene products are also recycled into decorative crown mouldings.

# RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLANNING SOCIETY

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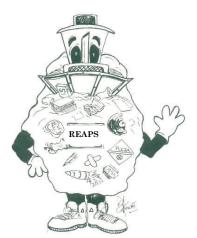
Compost Garden and Office Location: 1950 Gorse Street

Phone: 250-561-7327 Fax: 250-561-7324

# Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Back to School Clothes!

Buying clothing at vintage, second hand and consignment stores that sell lightly worn designer clothes is a green way to look great and save money, too!



### RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

### APPLE CRAFTS

Apples can give you a full day of fun. You can eat some (or make apple pie, sauce, cider or anything else you like) and you can use them for crafts.



Dried apples can be a good snack, but

they're also fun for crafting. Put the oven on about 200 degrees and let the apples slowly dry out. Use them in potpourri, to make a necklace or on a wreath.

You can also stamp apple shapes, either by cutting the apple through the stem to get an apple shape, or around the middle to get a more circular shape with the seed gap in the middle. Stamp paper, clothing (aprons are especially cute) or anything else you want.

Get creative and bring Mother Nature inside for fall crafts for kids that are fun for the whole family. Recycling and Environmental Action Planning Society,

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