

Have you helped the environment today?

Every May marks another International Compost Awareness Week and making this the perfect time to start composting or to kick start your old composter into shape. There are four important ingredients that your composter needs in order to make compost for your garden.



- **Greens:** Greens include your vegetable and fruit scraps (always ensure that food scraps are buried into the pile or covered by a non-food source) and any fresh plant or grass clip pings (remember to NOT add any meats, dairy or grease HOWEVER egg shells are okay)
- **Browns:** this includes fall leaves, dry straw, and shredded paper. It is important to make sure that you keep a good balance of greens and browns (add 1 bucket of browns for every bucket of greens)
- **Water:** Soak your composter to ensure that it stays as wet as a wrung out sponge. This will help to encourage worms to live in your composter and help to discourage ants and wasps from moving in.
- **Air:** Your composter needs to be turned at least once a week (and no more than 3 times a week) to ensure that there is enough air. This will help to keep the smell down as well.

By ensure that your composter has a balance of browns and greens, water and air you will be able to make compost for your gardens. Remember if you have any problems questions, concerns or would like more information please contact REAPS and we will be happy to help.

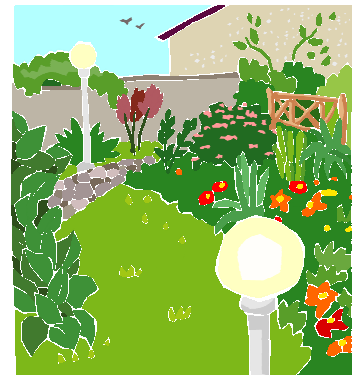
Plant Sale

Looking for Plants? REAPS is having an annual plant sale May 24th from 10am - 2pm. We have a wide selection of vegetables, perennials, herbs, annuals and shrubs. Need to make space for your new plants? REAPS is looking for donations of plants too. We are happy to pick and or dig them up as well.



The REAPS Garden is now Open!

Anytime you are in Fort George feel free to drop by. We have a wide selection of perennials and vegetables to show and information on recycling,



composting, gardening, and vermicomposting.

If your class is dropping by Fort George Park why not register for a free presentation? REAPS is happy to have classes come to the garden to learn about composting, recycling, vermicomposting, make a recycled craft or play buggy bingo. For more information or to book a presentation please contact REAPS.