REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

Waste Reduction Week—October 20-26, 2014

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The time is coming, the time to reduce the waste! Throughout BC residents are encouraged to start practices that will lower the amount of waste that they produce. We at Reaps want to help you make this waste reduction week a success so here are some helpful hints and suggestions to get you started:

1. Learn what you can recycle in your area and where your would take it. It is important to ask questions because you never know what answer you will find. If you are wondering about recycling in your area give us a call! We are more than happy to help.

2. Lower the amount of packaging. When you are buying something look at what kind of packaging it comes in. If there is a lot of material that you can not recycle try to find an alternative that will not have you throwing too much away.

3. Do not buy items that are only single serving or that are going to break quickly. By spending a few dollars more you will have products that will last longer and will not just end up in the landfill after a day.

4. Try to find your items a new home. Just because you can no longer use something does not mean that no one can.

5. Take part in some local events! To help you lower your waste REAPS is putting on some local events this October. First with RDFFG is our bi-annual **Junk in the Trunk** Sale on October 3rd where you can buy and sell quality items. Second is our **school challenge** where classroom see how little waste the can produce. For more information on both events contact REAPS.

Halloween is coming and that means lots of pumpkin carvings. Make sure once Halloween is over that your pumpkins do not end up in the landfill though! If you have a home composter you can add your pumpkins to help out your garden. If not or if you do, come down to the exploration place on November 1st and smash your pumpkins. After all of the pumpkins have been thoroughly broken they will be collected and composted responsibly. Hope to see you there!