

REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

*Did you know that REAPS has over **30 FREE** presentation? You can email us at garden@reaps.org or download one at www.reaps.org or giving us a call at 250-561-7327. We look forward to hearing from you!*

How to Have a Green Thanksgiving and Halloween

Thanksgiving and Halloween are days to be celebrated in the exciting month of October. We at REAPS will be celebrating, too, in a green way. Here are the things that we will be doing, and suggest you do as well:

Compost your food scraps. Ensure that all fruits, vegetables (even though you should eat them at thanksgiving dinner!), your Halloween pumpkins, among other things. Ensure that you compost all that you can!

Recycle your beverage containers. After the meal or celebrations, check your garbage to see if it can be recycled. If possible, take your bottles or other items to a local depot, or check to see if you can put it out for collection on recycling pick up days.



Waste Reduction Week

In addition to Thanksgiving and Halloween, October *also* means that it is time for Waste Reduction Week! This will be happening on **October 19-25**, and REAPS encourages you to take part.

Following the above tips on how to reduce your waste during those days of celebration, also ensure that your waste is being sorted into composting (if you have one), recycling, and trash. You can also follow along with the Three "R"s:

Reduce the amount of things you buy or acquire;

Reuse the things you already have, or repurpose something you were planning to throw out into something else that you need;

Recycle if you must get rid of it.

REAPS' annual Waste Reduction Challenge!

We are inviting you and your class to take part in our annual challenge and see how little waste your class can produce. The completion runs from October 19-25 and the winning class will have a chance to win \$200 to use in your classroom.

If you are interested in taking part or if you have any questions or concerns please give us a call at 250-561-7327 or email events@reaps.org