

REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

Did you know that REAPS has over **30** FREE presentation? You can email us at arden@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!



Keeping Warm in a Green Way

There are plenty of ways to keep warm in the winter time without going “all out” in energy consumption. The greatest users of heat are in-room electric heaters, and the over-use of furnaces.

The best way to stay warm is to **put on a sweater**. Wearing a sweater or a warm shirt inside the house reduces heat consumption greatly.

In addition to the decrease in energy consumption required to heat the home, there will also be a noticeable reduction in energy costs—depending on what kind of energy you use to heat your home, this will likely be noticeable on the electric bill, gas bill, or both.

The Return of the Cold Weather

As it happens every year, the cold weather is upon us once again. At REAPS, we are ensuring that everyone knows of these items for composting and vermicomposting in the cold weather:

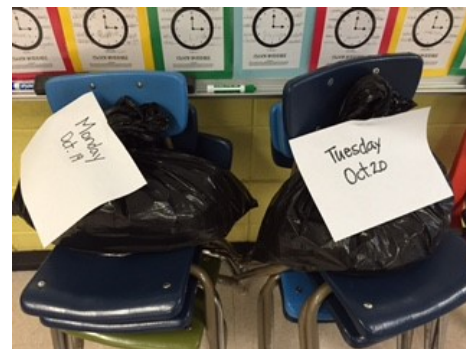
Composting doesn't work below -10 degrees. Bear in mind that you can continue adding to your composter, but the decomposition process (what turns your compost into soil) needs a certain temperature. Make sure that your composter does not become overfilled during this time.

Worms cannot be below 10 degrees. The best way to accommodate worms in the cold weather is to bring them inside. It's important to note that it is not enough to line the inside of the composter.

REAPS School Waste Reduction

Challenge The results are in... Congrats to Sacred Heart K students who won the \$200 prize.

School	Teacher	Grade	kg/ student
Sacred Heart	N. Power	K	0.003
Sacred Heart	A. Cartmell	1	0.011
TAPS	C. Nicholson	11&12	0.02
Sacred Heart	M. Horianopoulos	2	0.036
Polaris Montessori	S. Parry	1 to 3	0.071
Westwood	A. Brown	3	N/A



In partnership RDFFG, BC Government - Direct Access Funding and with Science World's Scientist and Innovators in the School (SIS) program, REAPS school programs is supported by the Program for the Awareness and Learning of Science (BC PALS) thanks to the province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Education.