

REAPS READER

Have you helped the environment today?

Don't forget about WASTE REDUCTION MONTH!

Once again the time has come to challenge you and your classmates to produce the least amount of garbage during the week of October 18-22 because this will help to reduce the waste going into the landfill and a chance to win \$100 for your class.

Register with R.E.A.P.S @ 250 561-7327 or email events@reaps.org to receive an info package.

To participate: Set up 4 containers; one each for recyclables (paper, tetra packs, milk cartons, cans, cardboard and glass), compostables, refundable containers (pop bottles, cans, juice boxes) and actual true garbage. At the end of each day, weigh the materials in each container and record on the sheet provided. You should find that the amount of garbage is reduced by 80% leaving only approximately 20% that is actual garbage. It is important to dispose of the material properly at the end of the day.



Get into the spirit of Halloween and scare your friends not the environment!
Check out our spooky tips below for a green Halloween.

-  decorate the house with some ghoulish puppets made from rubbish
-  making a Jack-o-lantern? Don't forget that the pumpkin flesh can be used to make tasty treats remember to compost your pumpkin after Halloween so it can help future pumpkins to grow!
-  looking for a fancy dress costume? Take a trip down to the thrift shop and see what your imagination can create?! An old bride's or bridesmaid's dress can make a great 'corpse bride' or a 'fairy princess' costume and an old cushion and coat can be turned into the Hunchback of Notre Dame!
-  if you're planning on having food at your Halloween party try to avoid using disposable plates and cutlery
-  try decorating your house with materials that are easy to recycle or reuse, such as pumpkin paper chains, try to use recycled paper or perhaps newspaper
-  "Trick or Treat"? Decorate an old ice cream tub or other pieces of packaging to carry your Halloween treats!

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