

REAPS



REPORT

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JULY 2024

COMING EVENTS

JULY

- 1 Canada Day (celebrating diversity, learning our history, creating change)
- 3,13,17,27,31 Composting 101 1 pm
Vermicomposting 101 2 pm @ GKCCG
- 4 Mapping Out EcoFriendly Products @Public Library 6:30 pm
- 9 REAPS GKCCG opens!
- 10-13 Go For Green Week @ GKCCG

AUGUST

- 1 EnviroShopping @Public Library @ 6:30 pm
- 7,10, Composting 101 1 pm
Vermicomposting 101 2 pm @ GKCCG

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REAPS Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden

1 year apart (June 2023 and June 2024)



Thank you to our **FUNDERS** for making the **Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden** possible. **\$136,545**

Rapid Stimulus Grant (Red Cross) \$37,240
(fencing, clearing, contractors, equipment rental)

Prince George Community Foundation \$30,000
(PGCF Education Centre fall 2024)

BC Capital Gaming Grant \$30,000
(electrical and water installation)

Flaman Foundation \$10,000 (renos to garden office)

TDFEF \$8,000 (lumber beds, greenhouse installation)

Northern Health Imagine Grant \$7,975 (greenhouse)

GreenCity Foundation \$2,500
(watering / caring for planted trees / bushes labour)

Iris (IREN) Energy Community Grant \$5,700 (crush for pathways)

MyPG Grant \$5,130 (fruit bushes and trees)

REAPS NEWS

Web Pick of the Month

<https://www.recyclethis.co.uk/>

This site started from a bowl of pistachio nut shells.

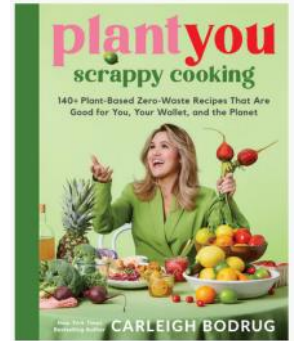
Four years on, we've covered **over 900 items** and had **over 14,000 suggestions** of ways to reuse, repurpose or recycle things that would otherwise go in the bin. We've covered items from around the home, office and garden, things for particularly hobbies or sports, and random bits of technology that have broken or are just out of date.

Book of the Month

PlantYou: Scrappy Cooking: 140+ Plant-Based Zero-Waste Recipes That Are Good for You, Your Wallet, and the Planet. By: Carleigh Bodrug (she is Canadian)

ISBN: 9780306832420

Transform radish tops into pesto, broccoli stems into summer rolls and wilting greens into smoothie cubes... But that's not all. The book will equip readers with not only the tools to make the most of their scraps to use up in the easiest and most delicious way possible.



We Are OPEN
 Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden
 starting Tuesday July 9th
 Tuesday to Saturday noon - 4 pm

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GO FOR GREEN WEEK!
 July 10th - 13th (Wed. to Sat.) 2024
 Join us! UNBC Campus Ring Rd, (first left after the UNBC daycare / David Douglas Botanical Garden expansion area up on the plateau)

FREE daily recycled crafts for kids! 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
 2 DIFFERENT CRAFTS EVERY DAY! INCLUDING...

- COFFEE CAN PLANTER
- EGG CARTON HANGING PLANTER
- EGG CARTON CATERPILLAR
- WATER BOTTLE BOUQUET
- PAPER CUP WIND CHIME
- TOILET PAPER ROLL BUTTERFLY

Parents take the opportunity to have your recycling questions answered or check out our display of where and what can be recycled in Prince George.

Contact REAPS for more info! Phone: 250-561-7327 E-mail: events@reaps.org

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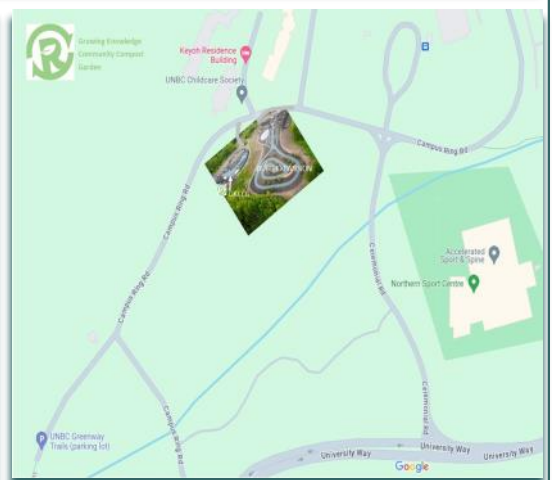
Accepting Resident's Kitchen Waste

Interested in dropping off your kitchen waste for composting at the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden?
 Sign up today! Limited space available.
 Email recycling@reaps.org

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What materials accepted to compost.

- peels of all uncooked vegetables and fruits
- teabags, tea leaves, and coffee grounds, coffee filters
- egg shells
- dead flowers, dead leaves, and untreated lawn mowings



LOCAL NEWS



Step back in time to celebrate Canada's birthday at Dominion Day, July 1 at Huble Homestead Historic Site.

From 10:00 to 4:00 celebrate the old-fashioned way with heritage demonstrations like ice cream and butter making, turn-of-the-century contests and games, cake, entertainment, and more. Huble Homestead Historic Site is located 40km north of Prince George, just off Highway 97 on Mitchell Road. For more information visit hublehomestead.ca or call 250-564-7033.

City of Prince George hosts Canada Day in the Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park

The City of Prince George is gearing up for another exciting Canada Day celebration at Lheidli T'enneh Memorial Park on July 1 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Opening ceremonies at the bandshell start at noon with an opening from Lheidli T'enneh First Nation Elder Edith Frederick and a cake cutting to recognize Canada's 157th anniversary at 12:30 p.m. The marketplace, food pavilion, and kids zone open at 11 a.m. Despite recent rainfall, the City is not hosting fireworks this year due to the current BC Wildfire burning restrictions.

For more details, including an event map, entertainment schedule, and confirmed food vendors visit the [City website](#).

BMO Community Art Days

This free, all-ages event will take place on Friday and Saturday July 12th and 13th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Canada Games Plaza and at Two Rivers Gallery. BMO Community Art Days will engage our community through the intersection of art and collaboration with local partners, featuring family-oriented activities, workshops, performances, community partners and food trucks. The theme of this year's event is *Archival Renewal*.

Come visit our two artists-in-residence! Local artist Adam Ross emulates the style of Bob Ross in his live painting demo(s) and Vancouver-based print-maker and comics artist Tajliya Jamal will invite folks to participate in a collaborative artwork utilizing archival family photos, and memories of Prince George. This year's iteration will bring back many fan-favourites including the return of Citizen Pong! Featuring ping pong tables designed by local artists, it will be available for free play by participants as a means of making personal connections. Additionally many familiar, family-friendly art stations with fun crafts for all ages, such as paper rocket making and fingerprint painting will be in full swing!



PG Ghostly Walks

A thrilling one-hour Ghostly Walk through the haunted downtown of Prince George. Two Walks a night starting at 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Your tour guide and host, Ian Gibbs, is the author of three books of Ghostly Tales, Co-hosts a paranormal podcast (Ghosts 'N Bears) and led Ghost Walks for over ten years. When it comes to Ghost Stories, he knows the true tales of the history and the mystery.

Ian will weave together ghost stories and historical facts to bring the city's haunted past to life. Discover the spooky secrets and hidden history of Prince George on this unforgettable tour. Get ready to explore the eerie and the unexplained in BC's Northern Capital. No matter the weather, the tour will go ahead, so dress accordingly. [TO BOOK](#)

AROUND BC

[Regional district's paper/packaging recycling on hold until new service provider in place](#) PG Citizen

[Call2Recycle and the District of Squamish partner to launch British Columbia's first curbside battery collection program](#) Call2Recycle

[New carbon pricing rule benefits big industry, hurts small operators](#) PG Citizen

[The emerald ash borer has arrived in B.C. — what can we do about it?](#) The Conversation

[Northern Fresh Food Project gets some green](#) PG Citizen

[Environmental groups opposed to B.C. port expansion challenge approval in court](#) YouTube

[Over 210,000 kg of food waste saved from North Okanagan landfills](#) Castanet

[Reclaim Plastics works with a local sports equipment company for recycling](#) Reclaim

[British Columbia investigates claims energy company 'dramatically' influenced climate policy](#) The Guardian



AROUND CANADA

[For Gen Z, sustainable fashion isn't just about shopping. It's a 'mindset'](#) CBC

[N.B. community food hub aims for zero waste in their fight against food insecurity](#) Global News

[New data shows paper represents majority of diverted materials in Canada](#) Recycling

[For cities and towns trying to cut out plastic, here's what's worked and what hasn't](#) CBC

[The Case for Local Plastic Recycling](#) The Sentinel

[Health Canada Exploring Mandatory Packaging Program, Concerned With Use of Recycled Plastic in Food Packaging](#) Food Canada

[What's the climate-friendly way to get rid of worn-out clothes and linens?](#) CBC

[Coca-Cola completes transition to 100% recycled plastic bottles in Canada](#) Packaging Gateway

[N-ZAP's New Database Reveals the State of Climate Action in Canada Municipalities](#)

[KPU Richmond student wins upcycle competition with crochet dress](#) Richmond News

[Unclear if Canada's on track to eliminate plastic waste by 2030: enviro watchdog](#) Politics

[An Introduction to ON-FARM composting](#) RCA

[What is the right to repair, and why does it matter?](#) The Signal

AROUND THE WORLD

[Plastic-production emissions could triple to one-fifth of Earth's carbon budget – report](#) The Guardian

[G7 To Commit To Reducing Plastic Production: French Ministry](#) Barron's

[Wetland which tackles road pollution to be created](#) BBC

[Too good to be true: the greenwashers' box of tricks](#) Financial Times

[New EU Rules To Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Packaging](#) News European Parliament

[eBay launches new resell button to drive circular fashion](#) Circular

[Nature groups launch legal bid over wildlife loss](#) BBC

[Are compostable coffee cups actually any better for the environment?](#) NEWS

[Wildfires ravaging Arctic Circle - EU monitor](#) BBC

[Right to Repair: Nikon opens up self service repair section on website](#) Photography

[Little Amal team launch climate change puppet project](#) BBC



Urban Farmscape

A gathering of passionate partners have rallied together to transform 5 acres of local historical urban farm into a community farmscape.

<https://www.letseatlocalpg.com/urban-farmscape>

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be hosted at **6:00pm Wednesday, July 3** in the Prince George Aboriginal Business Development Centre located at **890 Vancouver Street**.

[July 3rd Agenda \(Live updated\)](#)

[Zoom Meeting Link \(First Wednesday of the Month\)](#)

[Monthly Calendar \(iCS\) Reminder](#)



In partnership with REAPS, a series of programs designed to teach you new ways you can lower your material waste and save money!

July 4 - Mapping Out: Eco-Friendly products & Habits for the Home - Join us as we highlight some handy home products that can be incorporated to help you adopt or enhancing home habits and make an impact on your eco-living journey.

August 1 - Enviro-Shopping Tips Back-to-school & Fashion that supports Environmental Sustainability - Join us to talk about how fall and holiday shopping for fashion can be more eco-conscious. We will cover topics such as what is quick and slow fashion (and why this matters), what brands are enviro-focused, shopping used, repurposing or upcycling old clothing, and more.

IT'S EASY BEING GREEN

Adults | Free drop in

First Thursday of each month - July 4 and August 1

6:30 - 7:30pm

Bob Harkins Branch, downtown



Volunteer Opportunities with REAPS

Please consider helping at various community events at a booth.

Summerfest July 20th

BCNE August 15 - 18

Or perhaps you would enjoy working on:

Social Media Posts: Work to create aesthetically-pleasing and concise information on recycling, food waste, environmental issues to share information with the public.

Membership Drives: Reach out to your colleges, friends and family, attend public events (i.e.: Farmers' Market) to connect with the community and find new members.

Grant Writing: Work with a team to research write and apply for grants to complete the building of the Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.

Gardeners: come enjoy, relax and pick produce and weeds at our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden.

Carpenter: We need 3 composters built. Wood wire, wood and 3 bin. We have designs and a budget for materials

Environmental Educator - we are hiring a permanent p/t position 25 hrs/wk \$24 [check out position](#)

Fence installation - we need to create a storage area that hides our blue barrels used for storage of materials. Do you have an idea? Share with us. garden@reaps.org

Education Centre: we are planning, designing an education centre / workshop / storage shed 16 x 32 feet know someone who can build / work with us to see it come to fruition? garden@reaps.org



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Dumpy's Tip of the Month

Recycling starts at the store

Sustainable practices start with what we buy. So, next time you're shopping consider buying products that:

- you are likely to use again
- have good durability
- can be re-used, repurposed or recycled
- have packaging that can be repurposed or recycled
- are made from sustainable and ethically sourced materials
- have a clear label that tells you how to dispose of it correctly.



RECYCLE CRAFT CORNER

Create your own patio tea lights. Collect and dry flowers. Decoupage (white glue works well) onto your favorite jars to create a garden oasis in your backyard.




REAPS MEMBERSHIP

The few dollars from your membership makes a much bigger difference than you may realize!

Students and Seniors: \$5.00
Individual: \$8.00
Family: \$15.00
Business: \$25.00



CHARITABLE DONATION:

REAPS provides charitable tax receipts for any donation over \$20

Consider donating to our Growing Knowledge Community Compost Garden near UNBC



To Donate:

Mail to: PO Box 444 PG, BC V2L 4S6
e-transfer to: recycling@reaps.org
paypal on our website www.reaps.org

in "notes" state what payment is for ie/ membership; donation

