

Find Information on

BBRM Communications



@ your library

Step 1: Background information

You may need to look up background information or definitions of terms to help you understand your topic better. For other background sources, search the [Library catalogue](#).

Biofuels: search biomass in the [Canadian Encyclopedia](#) ; search “Encyclopedia of Biodiversity” under “biofuels” in the [library catalogue](#) for a brief review of issues in this controversy of food for fuel.

Railbanking: see the [Canadian Encyclopedia](#) Rails Trail Foundation, Washington DC mentioned in brief article.

Wind farms and solar farms: see the [Canadian Encyclopedia](#) for some Canadian examples of projects

Step 2 : Government Information

Government information is generated by local, provincial, national, and international governments on almost all topics. It includes laws, regulations, reports, statistics, studies, surveys and much more. To find government information on your topic, search the library catalogue and government agency web sites. For example:

Pesticides on golf courses: search [Collections Canada - AMICUS](#): for Canadian articles.

Spreading manure see [Ontario - Ministry of the Environment](#) Nutrient Management

Step 3 : Books

Biofuels information: search for biomass energy for most items in PRIMO at Guelph, bioenergy, alcohol as fuel and renewable energy resources are related subjects for searching.

100 mile diet

641.3009711 Smi

Ridgetown

An inconvenient truth : the planetary emergency of global warming and what we can do about it

363.73874 Gor

Ridgetown

Step 4 : Images

Open burning: search the [library catalogue](#) for the [Atlas of Canada](#) – Ecology section.

Global Warming: search “climate change: in the [The Great Lakes: an environmental atlas](#) find articles on air quality and Clean Air Ontario also the “Burn it Smart” campaign

Step 5 : Magazines and Scientific Articles

To find articles and current research about your topic, use a journal index online at the Guelph library website (see link below). A journal index is similar to the library catalogue. But instead of searching our collection of books in the catalogue, it searches a database where articles from magazines and journals are collected. **Look for the 'Get It' button or full-text link** to read articles online.

Start Here: Journal indexes – select Biology & Life Sciences

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/resources/journal_articles/

Agricola: a comprehensive index to agricultural and life sciences information. The primary focus is on the United States but there is international information as well.

Biological Sciences: an interdisciplinary database offering abstracts and citations to a wide range of research in biomedicine, biotechnology, zoology and ecology, and some aspects of agriculture and veterinary science.

CABDirect: provides international literature in agriculture, forestry, and allied disciplines, including: animal and crop husbandry, animal and plant breeding, plant protection, genetics, forestry engineering, economics, veterinary medicine, human nutrition and rural development.

Plant Science: contains citations and abstracts of scientific literature on plant science, focussing on all plant scientific aspects, especially pathology, symbiosis, biochemistry, genetics, biotechnology, techniques and environmental biology.

Journals & Magazines

American Nurseryman

Biological Control

Canadian Journal of Plant Pathology (apsnet.org)

Crop Protection-Economic Entomology

HortScience

HortTechnology

Ontario Arborist

Plant Disease

Step 6 : Searching the Internet

The term "public websites" refers to sites that can be freely reached through a search engine. Many of the links given above lead you to "invisible web sites" that the library pays for, such as journal databases. Typically, if your professor tells you not to use web sites on an assignment, they are referring to public web sites.

When searching, remember to try alternate words for your topic.

Agroforestry: see the [Forest Stewardship Council](#) website for information on Canada.

Biofuels: see [The Habitable Planet](#): under “Energy Challenges” for an overview.

Green Club: see the Simon Fraser University [Green Pages](#) website for ideas.

Remember the difference reading a webpage online:

Who wrote it? Why? What is it for?

Learning more about evaluation of websites:

http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/tutorials/evaluating_web_sites/

Step 7: Current Issues and Articles

Search [The Canadian Newsstand](#) for some good articles.

Plastic bottles, recycling, bottled water : search the [library catalogue](#) for the “New Internationalist” magazine and use the search option to look for information on these topics.

Step 8: Help for your assignments

Don't forget Peer Helpers and the Academic Skills Consultant @ your library !

Refworks http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/research/create_bibliographies/

Use this to organize the sites and sources you need to create your references.

Citation Machine <http://citationmachine.net/>

This website is open to the public. It can organize your sources while you search.

APA Style Guide http://www.lib.uoguelph.ca/assistance/writing_services/undergraduates/citations_&_referencing/APA.cfm

Use this guide to correctly cite your sources in written work – essays, assignments, etc.