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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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Nez Perce Tribe Water Resources Division - Solid Waste and Recycling Program

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When a household recycles, trash can be reduced by 40 to 60%!

Talkin’ Trash

How Long Does it Last?

Have you ever thought of how long it takes for your trash to decompose? Minimize your trash and recycle.

Different materials decompose at different rates. How long does it take for these common types of trash to break down?

- Paper: 2-4 weeks
- Orange peel: 6 months
- Milk carton: 5 years
- Plastic bag: 15 years
- Tin can: 100 years
- Plastic bottle: 450 years
- Glass bottle: 500 years
- Styrofoam: Never

SOURCE

Just a Reminder—What You Can Currently Recycle With Us

#1 & #2 Plastic bottles - empty & rinsed*
Aluminum cans - empty & rinsed*
Tin cans - empty & rinsed*
Shredded paper - in clear plastic bags
Newspaper
Used printer/ink cartridges (no toner)
Used candles
Corrugated Cardboard - flattened
Plastic bags and film - #2 & #4
Car batteries

*If it is not rinsed, it is considered contaminated and goes straight to the landfill—the exact opposite of what we are all trying to do!

How valuable is nature?

A recent study of the economic value that could be created by protecting 30% of the world’s land as wilderness, which absorbs carbon from the atmosphere and provides biological diversity, found that the cost would be repaid by more than 500%.


Thank you for Recycling!

In the Spotlight

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Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling
June 3 & 16
Pineewaus Parking Lot 11 am - 1 pm

Office Collections
June 10 & 24