



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—March 2020

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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

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Exciting News for March from the Recycling Program!

Plastic Bag/Film Recycling

In March we are adding plastic film recycling to our services! We have been working on it for a while and are partnering with Trex who uses certain types of plastic bags and film to make composite decking and railing. This means we can keep more plastic out of the trash and landfill. Please note—It is still best to NOT use plastic bags if you can avoid it! But in those cases where you can't avoid plastic bags, like that bag of ice, or loaf of bread in a bag, please recycle them now that we can!

Watch for our flyers with more information.

One-Year Anniversary for Lapwai Community Recycling

March 28th marks the one-year anniversary of our Lapwai Community Recycling Program. We are very excited about how this program is working. During the first year, we have collected over two tons of cardboard and more than a ton of plastic bottles, paper, and cans, averaging about 230 pounds per month (not counting the cardboard) with about 30 people showing up at each event! To celebrate this first anniversary and to thank everyone for helping in respecting and taking care of our earth, we are having an Anniversary BBQ with free hotdogs, chips, and more during our March 26th Community Recycling event in the Pineवास parking lot from 11-1. Come by and learn more about the plastic bag/film recycling, visit with the staff, and enjoy some free food!

“Talkin’ Trash”

What did Frodo forget to do after taking out the trash?



Put a Baggin!

According to new research, the value of recyclables has dropped 66% in two years. In July 2017, a ton of recyclables was worth over \$90. In October 2019, it was worth \$30. The reality is that recycling as a practice, is not a money maker. Recycling, like trash, is an essential service all municipalities need to provide to their residents, regardless of market conditions. You can help by following the three R's - Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle—in that order! Reducing what you buy, reusing what you can, and then recycling as a last resort is the way to go. Our grandchildren thank you! Qe'ciyéw'yew'



The Dworshak Fisheries Complex, including the Dworshak National Fish Hatchery, has been recycling for years. Recent reductions in local recycling services has made that more difficult. Our program has been working with them to try fill some of the void. They have been very patient with our program's small size and staff and very supportive. In fact, the USFWS Lower Snake River Compensation Plan Program Office donated the recycling trailer shown on the right to our program! A big thank you to both Dworshak and the LSRCP Office!!



Reminder—Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority Spring Cleanup—March 23-29, 2020