



# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—April 2023

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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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## How to Dispose of and Recycle Hand Sanitizer



If you are one of the millions of Americans who stocked up on hand sanitizer back in 2020, it might be time to throw those bottles away. As it turns out, hand sanitizer has a shelf life. Typically, hand sanitizer expires after two to three years. The active ingredient in liquid and gel hand sanitizer is ethyl or isopropyl alcohol in 60-95% concentrations. Alcohol evaporates more quickly than water, which means it loses potency over time and becomes ineffective at killing bacteria. However, experts warn the public to not pour it down the drain! According to the EPA, because it contains at least 60% alcohol, hand sanitizer is easily ignitable. If the liquid is poured down the drain, the liquid and vapors in the water pipes and sewers can create fires and possibly explosions. Empty bottles of hand sanitizer can be thrown away in your trash or recycling bin, but if you have partial or full bottles, you should take them to a household hazardous waste drop-off location. Nez Perce County residents can take expired hand sanitizer to the Asotin County Landfill HHW site at 2901 Sixth Avenue in Clarkston, WA, on Wednesdays, from 8am to 4pm, and 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 8am to 4pm. If your hand sanitizer is not expired and you have too much, consider donating it to an organization who needs it, such as a school or daycare. If you recycle rather than throw it away, the hand sanitizer is not designated as waste.



<https://www.epa.gov/hw/how-dispose-and-recycle-alcohol-based-hand-sanitizer#infohouse>

## “Talkin’ Trash”

Lapwai Locations for the Spring Clean Up dumpsters

April 17 thru 23:

- ♦ Goldner Rd.
- ♦ Over the Hill
- ♦ Lolo St.
- ♦ Agency cul-de-sac
- ♦ By the old music/shop building on the high school gym side

## Other Activities & Services:

Employee volunteer opportunities, Apr 21, lunch provided

Wood Chipping—Apr 21

Vehicle Disposal—Apr 17-21



## Lapwai Recycling Schedule

### Community Recycling

April 6 & 20

Páyniwaas Parking Lot , 11 am—1 pm

### Office Collections

April 13 & 27



## The Nez Perce Tribe & Westeqn`eemit

will be Hosting

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY!

Friday, April 21, 2023

Locations will include for all community sites.

Orofino, Kamiah and Lapwai areas.

<https://nezperce.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Spring-Clean.pdf>



Earth Day Theme for 2023: Invest in Our Earth!

