



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—July 2019

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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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Thinking outside the box to help solve the plastic problem in Indonesia:

Polluted groundwater and untrustworthy water supplies mean that nearly every Indonesian who can afford it buys bottled beverages. That is a massive amount of plastic that has led to a massive amount of plastic pollution! But what can be done about it?

If you're in Surabaya, Indonesia's second-largest city, you can use plastic trash as bus fare—five plastic bottles or 10 plastic cups are the equivalent of a two-hour ticket. A year after this program began, each bus is collecting up to 7.5 tons of plastic a month, which the city then cleans and auctions off to recycling companies. The initiative aims to incentivize the use of public transit and to clear Surabaya's streets and waterways of the plastic trash that has accompanied Indonesia's rapidly growing economy.

—news from Sierra Club

In other plastic news, Oregon's governor signs laws banning plastic bags, straws —

- ◆ "Single-use checkout bags" are banned effective Jan. 2020. This does not include bags for produce, meat, fish, dry cleaning and other categories.
- ◆ Single-use plastic straws are banned except upon request, effective immediately, with exemptions for certain healthcare facilities, drive-thrus and some convenience store settings.

"Talkin' Trash"

Tribal Housing Authority Summer Cleanup!

July 26—August 2

Please do not put the following items in the bins—we can pick them up separately. Just set them nearby. *Qe'ciyéw'yew'*

- Tires
- Appliances
- Scrap metal

Questions? Please call Roxanne in the Housing office at 208-832-2229



← A big thank you to the **Tribal fireworks stands** for recycling all those cardboard boxes with us! That was a LOT of cardboard!

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On our way to zero waste!!!

