



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Oct. 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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Zero Waste Kitchen Tips

Choose cloth napkins instead of paper napkins.

Break out the real dishes instead of using paper plates.

Use a reusable coffee filter or French press instead of disposable filters (compost your coffee grounds).

Use reusable tea bags or a tea infuser instead of disposable tea bags, (or compost your tea bags).

Ditch plastic Tupperware and use glass or stainless steel food containers.

Switch from sponges to reusable sponges or natural scrub brush.

Give reusable wraps a try instead of plastic wrap to keep food fresh.

Opt for reusable sandwich bags instead of plastic bags.

“Talkin’ Trash”

What is “Zero Waste”?

"Zero waste" is a philosophy of sending as little as possible to the landfill and ensuring waste materials are reduced, reused, recycled or repurposed. Additionally, it's crucial these materials are not incinerated and leave no discharges to land, water or air that threaten the environment or human health. - from Zero Waste International Association

While "zero waste" is not a new concept, many people and business owners misunderstand the approach to be "all or nothing." In reality, it can be a gradual, slow, imperfect process. See below:



Chumash Casino Resort
—Santa Ynez Band of
Chumash Indians

As highlighted in the July 2019 issue of *Indian Gaming*, the Chumash Casino Resort in California has achieved a more than 90 percent waste diversion rate, making them the world's first Zero Waste champion among gaming facilities and earning them U.S. Green Business Certification's TRUE (Total Resource Use and Efficiency) certification. You can read about their sustainability initiatives on their website at <https://www.chumashcasino.com/about-us/sustainability>. It has been an 11-year process and journey for them. Way to go Chumash Casino Resort!! Our own Clearwater River Casino has been taking steps for the past year to become a more sustainable operation. Let's support them in their efforts and start by recycling at their events and facilities!



Reminder: Nez Perce Housing Authority's Lapwai Housing Cleanup is Oct 7-14, 2019

