



# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Dec. 2018

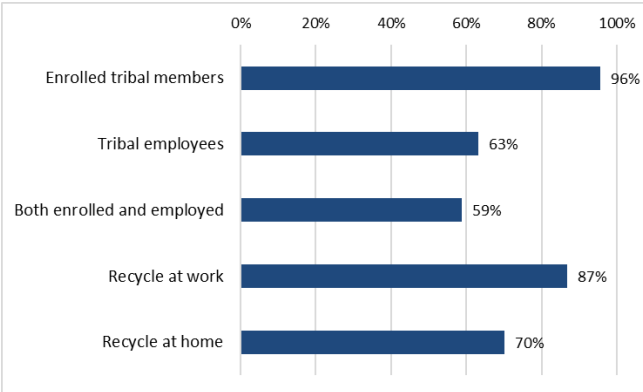
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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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## Fall General Council Survey Results



At the Fall 2018 Nez Perce Tribe General Council, the Tribe's Solid Waste & Recycling Program did a short survey. Sixty-eight people responded and gave us lots of useful information.

91% said they would use a community recycling bin. We hope to start a weekly community

collection at Pi-Nee-Waus and Wa-A'Yas Community Centers with our new trailers after the new year. We will keep the community updated as we get closer to implementing this plan!

49% knew what the program recycles. This month's newsletter includes an update about what plastics we collect. We also collect office paper, shredded office paper, newspaper, magazines & catalogs; aluminum cans & tin cans (rinsed, labels removed); steel & scrap metal; used printer cartridges; used candles; corrugated cardboard (flattened), and car batteries.

55% said they knew of illegal dumpsites on the reservation. The most commonly mentioned area was Bever Grade-which happily has been cleaned up by the Solid Waste & Recycling Program!

## "Talkin' Trash"

### Solid Waste Code

Two members of our Solid Waste & Recycling staff, Jon and Linda, were in Denver recently to attend the first session of a joint Indian Health Services and Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals course on developing and implementing Tribal solid waste code. We are very excited to have this opportunity to work with experienced tribal and legal professionals as we research and revise our Nez Perce Tribe solid waste code over the next year. Look for an update on this in the late spring or summer.

Thank you for your patience as we work on this project and others to improve our services and program and protect our natural resources for future generations.

### Plastics Recycling Update—



## Update on Plastics Recycling

Current Status —>

<— Housekeeping's Matt Enick helping Jon load the baler with plastic bottles!

Many of you have heard about China's ban on taking in recyclables, and recently you may have read that Lewis Clark Recyclers and other resellers in our area are no longer taking plastics. That means we have no current outlet for our plastics. But we are not giving up! We are baling our plastic bottles and looking for other outlets. We do have to make some changes, so we will only be able to take #1 and #2 plastic bottles (soda, water, Gatorade bottles and milk jugs), and also stretch wrap. Please help us produce the cleanest plastic bales possible! If you forget your reusable bottle and have to buy plastic bottled drinks, please —

*Drink it, Rinse it, and Recycle it!*

We wish you all a peaceful, healthy, and joyful holiday season!