

Your Household Hazardous Waste!

We read labels on our food. We read labels and directions when we build something or put something together. We NEED to read labels when it comes to the products we store in our homes. Here are a few hints to let you know if what you're buying and using are maybe not the best for you, your family or the environment.

The Fatal Ones

Know if the product is

- **Toxic** (poisonous)
- **Flammable** (catches fire easily)
- **Reactive** (Explosive)
- **Corrosive** (dissolves what it touches)

If your label contains one of these words, it has the properties of one or more of the Fatal Ones!

CAUTION or **WARNING** is moderate to very toxic. A lethal dose can be as little as a **teaspoon** to **pint** and includes such things as ammonia, some paints, floor polish, antifreeze, bleach, pesticides and fertilizers.

DANGER is extremely toxic, flammable or corrosive. A lethal dose is a mere **taste** to a **teaspoon** and includes items such as rat poison, mercury batteries, some pesticides and weed killers, paint thinner, drain opener and oven cleaner.

POISON. Highly toxic. Potentially deadly.

Other Waste Reducing Tips:

It's easier than you think!
Follow these few guidelines and you're on your way!

- Bring your own cloth grocery bags when you go to the supermarket, or choose paper bags that are recyclable.
- Bring your own mug to the coffee shop.
- Both glass and aluminum are easier to recycle and create less hazardous waste during manufacturing than plastic.
- Look for products made or packaged with recycled materials.
- Buy in bulk when you can to reduce packaging.
- Avoid disposable products and those with elaborate packaging. Send the message to manufacturers that we don't need over-packaged products. Use your dollar as your vote – money talks!

The Nez Perce Tribe Solid Waste Program is now working with communities within cities to promote recycling collection.

Local Drop Locations:

Recycling Center Site managed by the Nez Perce Tribe Solid Waste Program (Sweetwater, ID) or behind the Old BIA Headstart, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

Clearwater County Transfer Station (Orofino, ID)

Nez Perce County Drop locations:

1st and 3rd Saturday at Sweetwater Granary
2nd and 4th Saturday at Cottonwood Creek

Nez Perce Tribe Solid Waste Management, Recycling Program



Improving our stewardship one step at a time.



Keep this brochure handy for **quick** reference on:

- Waste Reduction and Pre-recycling
- Recycling Registration
- Household Hazardous Waste Management





LET'S TALK RECYCLING

Why Recycle?

Recycle a pound, **Save Tons** of trash from entering landfills.

Registration requires your name, address, and contact information. We will send you information on Conservation of Energy, Water, and Waste

Register NOW!

Receive three recycling receptacles to use at home to begin your challenge of recycling more and wasting less. The other two receptacles will be like the one below but indicating "Plastic" and "Tin"...Or recycle what you want.

Recycling plastics can be made into furniture, new containers, picnic tables, playground equipment and much more. Recycle plastics means relying less on fossil fuels (oil) for production.



Recycling Drop Locations:

It is in the plans for the Tribe to provide recycling drop locations throughout the communities of Lapwai, Kamiah, and areas in Orofino. The purpose of these sites are to help provide an opportunity for communities to manage their own solid waste through recycling. The objective is to reach a zero waste to the landfill and 100% waste diversion. This may not happen in the near future but beginning this program with education and opportunities for recycling drop locations is a start.



Illegal dumping is not permitted and a large problem within reservation lands. It is important to be mindful of where your waste goes. The pictures below are examples of dumps that affect water ways and can poison fish or the habitat of fish and wildlife nearby.



Potential Future Recycling for Drop Locations

Bulky Metals—Any metals that are too large for household recycling such as washers, dryers, fencing, bed posts, refrigerators, scrap metal, wires, and metal window framing, wheel rims etc.

Yard/Green Waste—Branches, nothing more than 8 inches in diameter, grass, bushes, weeds

Plastic Bottles—Throw away cap or lid and dump

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out liquids

Aluminum Cans—Dump out all liquids

Tin Cans—Need to wash out and take the label off before putting into collection bin

Cardboard—Break down boxes

Paper—News paper or White paper

Household Hazardous Wastes—Need to label all containers such as: aerosols, cleaning liquids, oil, paint, batteries, etc.

Glass—Glass bottles only!!! All other glass needs to be thrown away.

Recycling Registration

Name: _____

Physical and Mailing Address:

Contact:

Email _____

Phone _____

Tribal Member? Yes _____ or No _____

Do you currently recycle? Yes _____ or No _____