



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—Feb. 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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Reduce Your Waste!



Bring Reusable Bags



Buy Used or Recycled Items Over New

Buy Products with Less Packaging



Compost Your Food Waste



Use Reusable Drinkware and Tableware



Repair, Give, Trade or Sell

With reduced plastic recycling, many people are wondering how to reduce their plastic waste stream. Luckily there are some simple solutions! It can be as simple as bringing reusable bags to the store with you or a reusable mug to the coffee shop. You can reduce other types of waste and lessen your overall impact on the environment by buying used or recycled items instead of new, and thinking twice about throwing away things that are

still functional or can be repaired.

With work and ingenuity we can be a zero waste community!



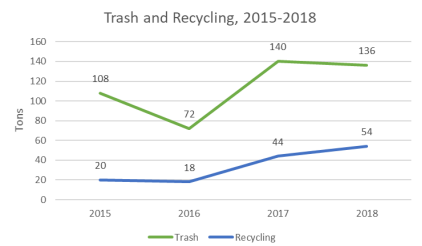
Betcha can't guess...

Guess the weight of our first bale of plastic bottles shown here and win a prize!

Submit your entry before March 1st by visiting this link: <https://bit.ly/2UBeCXa>



"Talkin' Trash"



Recycling numbers are going up at the Nez Perce Tribe. From 2015 to 2018, we've had a 170% increase in collected recycled materials - from 20 tons to 54!

In 2017, recycling was about 24% of our waste stream. We diverted 44 tons of material from the landfill through recycling, and hauled 140 tons of waste to the landfill. In 2018, we diverted 54 tons of material through recycling and hauled 136 tons of waste to the landfill.

This growth is really exciting, because in 2018 we conducted three major clean up operations on the reservation, resulting in an additional 19 tons of trash. Not including this amount, collected trash for 2018 comes down to 117 tons, and means we achieved 32% recycling!

Kamiah Recycling Update—

Errol Robinson, who collects recycling from Tribal offices in Kamiah, will not be able to do the collection for the next six weeks as he recovers from surgery. The Recycling and Solid Waste Program will continue to collect the recycling while Errol is out but we ask for your patience and understanding as we work this out! We have limited staffing right now and appreciate your understanding.

Stay tuned next month for more information about upcoming community recycling opportunities!