



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—August 2019

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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Please Say No to Plastic Water Bottles — Single-use water bottles have only been around since the '90s, yet we're currently using 1,500 water bottles every second in the United States. Sadly, the total environmental costs of recycling sometimes outweigh those of landfilling.

Remember the 3 R's mantra "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle"? *There's a reason recycling is third in that list*—reducing and reusing are far more important. You don't need to recycle the plastic bag if you don't you take it from the store!

(See Talkin' Trash column to the right for update to the 3 R's.)

“Talkin’ Trash”

Introducing -

The Six (6) R's!

RETHINK

What else can I do?

REFUSE

Do I even need to have this?

REDUCE

How can I use less?

REUSE

How can I use this again?

RECYCLE

What new thing will this make?

ROT

How can I make compost?

What do you need to know about recycling plastic?

- * Plastic objects without a recycling symbol are not recyclable.
- * Don't try to recycle anything smaller than a credit card.
- * Remove contents, such as food and liquid waste, from containers before recycling.
- * You can't recycle garbage.
- * Check our list of what we take—we only take what we can find a way to recycle.



In July the Boys & Girls Club built a Plastic Bottle Greenhouse with the Interwet Program, run by Rue Hoover, Wetland Specialist, and the Tribe's Recycling Program - and an entire year's worth of recycled green plastic bottles!

The greenhouse will be used by the Interwet Program to grow cultural plants this next year to be used in future wetlands restoration.

