



# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—January 2020

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

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The simple practice of reduce, reuse, recycle minimizes waste to prevent further destruction of our natural resources. While most of us acknowledge the benefits of protecting Earth, do you know the impact of one small action of littering or waste? For example, did you know that it can take at least 450 years for a plastic bottle to decompose? Some bottles can take as much as 1,000 years. With the current U.S. life expectancy of 78.87 years, that is 12.7 generations for one plastic bottle.

Let's work together in helping respect and take care of the Earth. The key is in starting small. Small acts give way to big impact. We can do this by following the three R's.

### Reduce

Minimize how often you buy or find recyclable alternatives to what you buy.

### Reuse

Before you throw out that box, can you reuse it for storage? Can you turn those old bottles into unique planters? Find ways to reuse items before you throw them out.

### Recycle

When you do have to buy, try buying products that are packaged using recyclable material. We try to make it easy for you to recycle - please take advantage of our recycling services at work and in the community.

Before disposing of anything, think about where it will end up. Is it something you buy on a daily basis? If so, multiply that waste by 365 days. Imagine the impact that one person can make in a year by using the three R's. Now, imagine if 7 billion other people did the same thing.

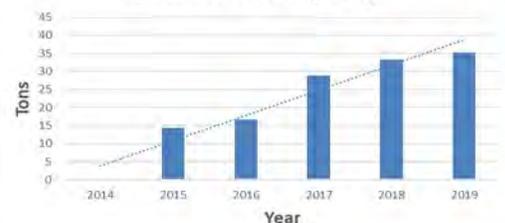
## "Talkin' Trash"

### About those New Year's Resolutions...

Why not make one that is good for our future generations as well as ourselves?

How about a New Year's Resolution to *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!*

Cardboard Recycling



### What happens to all that Cardboard ?



We collect it & bring it to the shop.



We pile it up in one spot.



We bale it...



and bale it!

and bale it!



We store the bales until

we have 20+ tons.



We haul the bales to recycling markets who sell it to companies that make new products from cardboard.

No—Our cardboard does *not* go to the landfill.

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