



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—May 2022

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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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New Study Released: National Sword Increased U.S. Landfill Plastic

China's National Sword policy (banning import of recycled materials) caused the quantity of plastic landfilled in the U.S. to jump by 23% in 2018, the year China's import bans began to take effect.

That was the same year that our new Recycling Program began. Talk about bad timing! - We could not send plastic bottles anywhere to be recycled.

The good news is that while others threw their plastic bottles in the landfill, the Nez Perce Tribe kept collecting, sorting, baling, and storing them at our facility—for four years, waiting until there was a paying market. This spring, just as we were running out of room, the market was finally up enough. We were able to send 20 bales to market at a price of \$160 per ton! That money went to pay the freight, but the materials went to market and will be made into new plastic products.

Sometimes you just have to believe in something before it happens. Thank you community members and Tribal employees for continuing to recycle, and thank you NPTEC for supporting the recycling program and working with us to make our reservation better for future generations!

<https://resource-recycling.com/plastics/2022/04/06/study-national-sword-increased-u-s-landfilled-plastic/>

“Talkin’ Trash”



Be clean, be green, be a recycling machine!

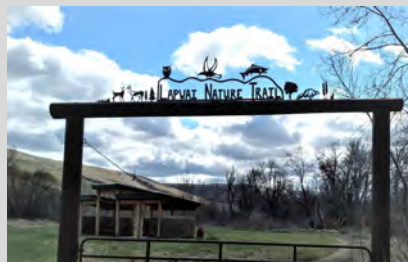


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May is American Wetlands Month!

Check out the Lapwai Nature Trail in Sweetwater off Garden Gulch Rd. Lapwai High School students just planted more trees at the nature trail; signs are up showing the various trails; there are picnic tables and a playground. Take your lunch and go for a walk, or take the kids for a picnic!



Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

May 5 & 19

Páyniwaas Parking Lot , 11 am—1 pm

Office Collections

May 12 & 26

“We do not inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.”

– Native American Proverb