



# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—October 2025

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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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## WASTE AUDITS 101

### What Is a Waste Audit?

A waste audit is a formal process to quantify the types and volumes of waste produced.

### Why Conduct Waste Audits?

#### Data for Decision-Making:

The data from a waste audit serves as a baseline to set strategic goals and make informed decisions about waste reduction and recycling programs

#### Cost Reduction:

Identifying excessive waste and improper disposal practices can reduce expenses related to hauling, disposal, and unnecessary collection services

#### Increased Revenue:

Waste audits can uncover valuable recyclable or sellable materials, such as scrap metal, that can generate new revenue streams

#### Source Reduction:

The audit process identifies single-use or excessive packaging, leading to strategies like bulk purchasing and a transition to reusable items

#### Enhanced Efficiency:

By understanding waste streams, organizations can optimize their waste management systems and improve operational efficiency

#### Improved Sustainability:

Audits provide essential data to develop and track progress toward sustainability goals, helping organizations reduce their environmental impact and conserve natural resources

**Waste audits of tribal offices and Clearwater Casino were conducted in Sept. — Check back in November for pictures & results!**

## “Talkin’ Trash”



## Lapwai Recycling Schedule

### Community Recycling

October 2, 16 & 30

Páyniwaas Parking Lot, 11 am—1 pm

### Office Collections

October 9 & 23



## We are hiring a Solid Waste & Recycling Tech!

Interested in helping the community and protecting the environment? Look for the job ad & go to Human Resources and get an application for HR-25-166.



<https://www.nptwaterresources.org/solid-waste/solid-waste-program/>

