



Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—January 2026

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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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Did you receive a new cell phone for Christmas?

Recycle or donate your old one!



Why Recycle or Donate?

To keep hazardous materials out of landfills
To recover valuable materials to make new electronics
To give devices a second life

Before you recycle:

Back up your data: Save photos, contacts, and important files.

Factory reset: Erase all personal information from the phone.

Remove SIM/SD cards: Take out any memory or SIM cards.

Where to Recycle or Donate:

Retailers: Many stores have bins for small electronics, including phones.

- Best Buy (in-store kiosks, mail-in, haul-away)
- Staples (in-store drop-off)

Manufacturers & Carriers: Apple, Samsung, AT&T offer trade-in or mail-in recycling, sometimes for credit.

Mail-in Programs:

Call2Recycle (free drop-offs at stores like Home Depot, Lowe's)

Secondwave Recycling (free shipping label for donations)

Cell Phones For Soldiers (provides communication for troops)

Medic Mobile (supports healthcare workers)

In the Spotlight

When you see him,
please welcome new
Solid Waste & Recycling
Program staff member,
Alonzo Picard!!



"Talkin' Trash"

Begin with the bin!



Recycle!

As we begin this new year, we would like to take time to let you, our community, know that we appreciate your participation and patience with our program as we continue our efforts to keep recyclables, especially plastic bottles, aluminum & tin cans, office paper, and cardboard out of the landfill.

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Lapwai Recycling Schedule

Community Recycling

January 8 & 22

Páyniwaas Parking Lot, 11 am—1 pm

Office Collections

January 15 & 29

