



# Nez Perce Tribe Recycling Program Newsletter—June 2022

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- Respect and take care of the earth.

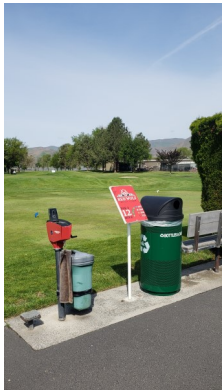


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## Plastic Bottle & Aluminum Can Recycling coming to **RED WOLF** GOLF CLUB



Look for the green bins!



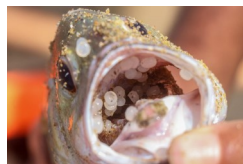
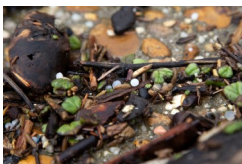
396 aluminum cans & plastic bottles recycled in 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks!

A big thank you to Can'dAid for providing the bins through their Crush It Crusade grant!

**Nurdles** are very small pellets of plastic which serve as raw material in the manufacture of plastic products. They are also a huge source of plastic pollution. Being less than 5 millimeters in size, nurdles are a "microplastic." Microplastics are an emerging contaminant of concern.



Nurdles can escape from the plastic production process by slipping into drains at factories or spilling out of cargo containers while being transported by trains and ships. Sometimes, a large spill from a ship or discharge from a plant will send many millions of nurdles out into the environment all at once. An estimated 200,000 metric tons of nurdles make their way into oceans annually. Nurdles are a problem along the country's coastline, especially in the Gulf of Mexico. Like most plastics, nurdles do not biodegrade, and once at sea, nurdles are known to attract and concentrate chemical pollutants to their surface. Microplastics can now be found worldwide and have already entered the food webs through marine organisms. Read the article at: <https://www.vox.com/recode/23056251/nurdles-plastic-pollution-ocean-microplastics>.



## "Talkin' Trash"

Ever heard of a nurdle?

No, it is not a little nurd!

Yes, if you play cricket, to nurdle is to score runs by deflecting the ball rather than hitting it hard.

Yes, it can also be a blob of toothpaste shaped like a wave.

But what is a nurdle in the world of solid waste and recycling?

←See the article on the left



## Lapwai Recycling Schedule

### Community Recycling

June 2, 16, & 30

Páyniwaas Parking Lot, 11 am—1 pm

### Office Collections

June 9 & 23

**Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022!**