



Native Village of Port Lions Environmental Department Newsletter

This is just a reminder of what we are collecting here in the Environmental Department

- Aluminum Cans
- Lead Acid Batteries (Please notify when these get dropped off at the Tribal Building)
- Aerosol Cans
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Ink Cartridges
- Household Batteries
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Electronics
- All plastics
- Household Hazardous Waste

You can drop off any of these items at the Recycling/Collection Center located in the Tribal parking lot during **NEW** business hours:

Monday-Friday

8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Amanda or Adrian:

907-454-2234

October-December 2007

Environmental Specialist

This quarter has been quite hectic with travel for trainings, conferences, and hauling recyclables to Kodiak.

In October, Adrian and I coordinated shipment of lead acid batteries to be hauled from Port Lions to Kodiak on the M/V Lazy Bay. We were very fortunate to have some locals already at the boat harbor who helped us load the batteries onto the barge, and we thank you for your help.

CONFERENCE/TRAININGS ATTENDED:

- (September) 10th Annual Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network: There were many great speakers who were very informative. Subjects of discussion were as broad as Global Warming to Tribal Sovereignty.
- (October) Annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management: Ms. Katherine Ellenak who is an IGAP worker employed by the Native Village of Ouzinkie was the Master of Ceremonies, she did a wonderful job.
- (November) Air Quality Training: I gained information as well as resources from other communities that have successfully started their air quality programs.
- (November) Annual Providers Conference: This years conference was interesting. One of the sessions Adrian and I attended was the Incident Command System. This session taught us the steps and procedures in preparation of an emergency and what to do when it happens.
- (December) Mr. Larry Zirkle from Total Reclaim in Anchorage come out to Port Lions to teach Adrian and I how to properly remove refrigerants from the refrigeration units we have out at the car dump. Once it warms up, we will be removing all refrigerants and barging them out.

We have enclosed a new flyer that lists what we accept. if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adrian or myself and we will be more than happy to assist you.

From the Environmental department we wish you and your family a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Amanda Squartsoff
Environmental Specialist



Plastic recycling bins available at Tribal building

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Paper recycling bins available at Tribal building

Environmental Assistant

In the last three months we have distributed approximately 12 recycling bins for paper and plastic. We have accumulated a good amount of recyclable plastic, paper, cardboard, and 4-5 bags of aluminum cans for recycling.

Water quality testing has been put off due to the winter weather conditions as well as equipment for these conditions.

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I am taking a trip into Kodiak with the Tribal truck to haul the bulk of our collections to Threshold Recycling Service.



Respectfully Submitted,
Adrian Francis
Environmental Assistant

REMINDERS:

1. Please keep an eye out for information on our upcoming poster contest for Earth Day, April 22nd. We will be handing out the poster board along with a booklet with information you will need. Please consider participating as we will be handing out prizes.
2. This Spring/Summer Amanda and Adrian will begin removing refrigerants from the appliances at the car dump, so if you have any old appliance that you no longer need please drop-off at the car dump.
3. Please place lead acid batteries in the tote located next to the recycling shed as they are an environmental toxin.

NOTICE TO ELDERS:

The Native Village of Port Lions Environmental Department is now offering a pick-up service of recyclables on a weekly basis when we are notified.

If you would like to use this service, please call the Environmental Department before Friday and we can set-up a time that works for you.

Once again, we would like to thank the community on their participation in bettering our community, health and land.

DID YOU KNOW:

Here is the mailing address that you can write a note to, to remove your name from junk mailing lists.

**Mail Preference Service
Direct Marketing Association
6 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017**

It can reduce your junk mail up to 75%.

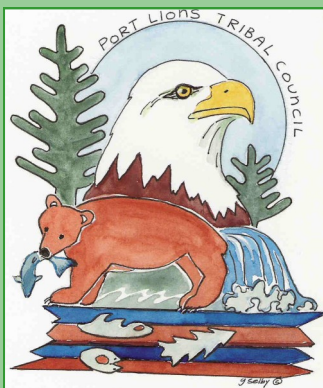
HOW TO SEPARATE MY TRASH:

Separating your garbage is not as hard as you may think, it just takes commitment. The first thing you may want to start with is finding a place to hold your separated garbage. An old box, broken plastic container, or something you may have around your house that you may not need. Remember the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

- **Plastics:** We are now accepting **ALL** plastic products!
- **Paper:** We currently accept any kind of paper, such as: newspapers, catalogs, magazines, shredded paper, cardboard, and paperboard. Paperboard is the packaging that cereal comes in, and is used in MANY products. What we would like to ask of you when bringing up cardboard or paper board, please smash them down. It will be a major space saver!
- **Aluminum Cans**
- **Electronics:** The list of electronics is almost unlimited. If you have questions about certain electronics, we will be happy to help you.
- **Household Hazardous Waste:** This category is broad and the materials are brought to different locations. Such as aerosol cans, oil based and latex paints, household batteries, ink and toner cartridges, and fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts are to be brought to the Tribal building and stored in the recycling shed. Lead acid batteries are to be brought to the Tribal building, but please put these in the tote located next to the recycling shed. Used oil is to be brought to the Harbor Master, and finally items such as: washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, and freezers are to be brought to the car dump.

Community Values

- Humor and Faith
- Strong infrastructure and resources
- Good strong working relationships
- Improved local education, jobs, training programs, and economic opportunities
- Maintain good health
- Community caring, trust, and respect
- Maintain rural status and accessibility
- Beautiful, healthy, clean environment
- Traditional way of life while encouraging progress
- Pride in our culture, heritage, history, and language



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Community Vision

We are a small, healthy rural community that is a safe place to live where our children enjoy growing, learning and want to stay. We enjoy the peace and challenges of our beautiful, clean environment, while maintaining a subsistence lifestyle, balanced with the modern changing world. We take pride in our history and cultures. We have sound economic infrastructures resource and education. We are a community where families and friendships flourish through caring, trust and mutual respect.

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