

## Upcoming Events:

Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) meetings every 3rd Tuesdays of each month

**Tribal Earth Week**  
April 20-24, 2020

Trash bags available for Community Cleanups at our office Mondays-Fridays 8am to 5pm



### Recycling Center

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#### Cardboard and Paper Products ONLY

Drop off site: Public Works/Solid Waste Department have an area set up in front of their office for cardboard and paper products.

\*If you have shredded paper or paper in bags, please use a clear plastic bag.

**Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

#### Green Waste

Drop off site: Stago's Pit

Stago Pit accepts all green waste and construction waste.

**Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.**

#### Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

Drop off site: Behind the Environmental Protection Office in Fort Apache Building 105 (Two Story White Building.)

**Drop off items anytime.**

**Please DO NOT drop off trash to any of these sites.**



#### **Public Works Department**

(928) 338-1504

**Tribal Landfill hours**—Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. CLOSED on Fridays. Be sure to tie down your load.

Residential weekly services available. Call PW for more information.



EPO staff at their biweekly radio show at KNNB. "Environmental Hour" is every other Mondays at 9:00am to 10:00 am.

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⇒ Environmental Policy Program

⇒ Air Quality Program

⇒ Solid Waste Regulatory Program

⇒ Underground Storage Tanks Regulatory Program

⇒ Brownfields—Tribal Response Program

⇒ CARP Program



## Tribal Earth Week April 20-24, 2020

### • Events include:

- **Youth Art Contest for 16 years old and younger.**

⇒ Theme is Climate change. Due date is April 17, 2020.

- **EPO Logo contest for 17 years old and older.**

⇒ Design a NEW EPO logo and the design must entail all environmental elements including land, water, and air. Due date is April 17, 2020.

- **Earth Day Walking Challenge**

- **Roadside Cleanup**

- **Household Waste Collection**



# Environmental Outreach and Activities



## January Outreach

On January 8th, 2020, EPO visited the Boys and Girls Club of the White Mountain Apache Tribe. EPO presented information on Environmental issues, Illegal Dumping, Recycled Items, and where the Recycling center is located.

## February Outreach

2020 Heart Health Fair. "Hear your heart, Heart your health." The WMAT Division of Health Programs will be hosting this free public event on February 14th, 2020 at the American Legion Building. EPO will be setting up a booth so come check out the free event.

Healthy Heart



Healthy You

## March Outreach

2020 Nutrition Fair. "Eat Healthy, Be Nutrition Wealthy." Catch EPO at the Nutrition Fair on March 16, 2020 at the McNary Community Building or on March 18, 2020 at Cibecue. The events will start at 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.



# Indoor Air Quality

## Safety Tips for Household Cleaning

During Covid-19 outbreak, good housekeeping practices are essential to the safety in the workplace, as well as in the home. Most cleaning products contain some form of acid or base to produce their cleaning action. By themselves, this reactivity is generally low enough to be used safely, but mixed together, acids and bases can create severe hazards. **NEVER MIX**

### ACIDS WITH BASES!

- Hard water/mineral deposit removers
- Toilet bowl cleaners
- Rust removers
- Tub and tile cleaners
- Mold removers
- Vinegar

Common cleaning products that contain **bases** include:

- Bleach & bleach-containing products
- Oven cleaners
- Glass & all-purpose cleaners (often contain ammonia)
- Drain cleaners
- Laundry detergents
- Baking soda

Bleach is one of the most common and effective household disinfectant cleaning products, but it is also one of the most dangerous, especially when mixed with other common household cleaners.

### Natural Bleach Alternative:

#### Ingredients:

- 3/4 cups of hydrogen peroxide
- 1/4 cup of lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp of citric acid (optional)
- Distilled Water to fill

#### Instructions

- Pour all the ingredients into a glass bottle (if you add the citric acid swish until it dissolves)
- Fill the rest of the jug with distilled water and use as you would bleach.
- Make sure to label the bottle



## Tribal Response Program—Brownfields

### What is a Brownfields site?

#### Are you living or working near a Brownfields site?

- A Brownfield property is described under the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."
- It could be any property such as land or an abandoned building that sits underdeveloped and/or unused because of perceived or actual contamination.

#### Examples of Brownfield sites:

- Cedar Creek Store
- Salt River Store
- McNary Wastewater Treatment System



The Maintenance building was suspected for lead and asbestos and it was confirmed with a Phase II Assessment. Phase II Assessment is when the contractor samples the flooring tiles, ceiling panels, etc. and sends to a certified laboratory. The building was demolished and is now a parking space for the Head Start Program.

**If you know if any potential Brownfields sites, please call Marco Burnette at 338-4325.**