



# The Rez Recycler

Summer/Fall 2016

## Curbside Recycling Changes

### Introducing: BLUE WEEK

The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection has recently made changes to the curbside recycling route schedule. In order to maximize efficiency, the Division is now delivering services BI-WEEKLY or EVERY OTHER WEEK. Trash pickup will remain on the regular weekly schedule. Customers are expected to continue participating in the recycling program. Not only is recycling beneficial to the larger environment, it also reduces the cost of disposal within our community. When ALL customers participate, we can continue providing services at the current rate. Below, is a sample monthly Blue Week schedule.

**A COMPLETE calendar can be found inside this edition.**

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### Waste/Recycling Service Updates

- Recycling is mandatory per 2016 Customer Policies for Residential Waste Disposal and Curbside Recycling Service.
- Moving? Or did someone else take over as Head of Household? The Planning & Environmental Protection office utilizes Discontinue Service Forms. These forms allow the office to properly charge monthly invoices to the appropriate party, maintain bin inventory and eliminate additional fees. If we don't know you moved and monthly invoices are issued it is your responsibility to prove vacancy for the address in question.
- The dumpster site on "O" and 142nd Road recently had a gate installed. This site has a high volume of illegal dumping. Please call 785-966-2946 with any questions.
- We kindly request that curbside and recycle bins be occasionally tipped over to empty water build up. Water build up can come from flipped lids during rain or from melted snow. Built up water can create unsanitary conditions.

### PBPN CERCLA 128a/Tribal Response Program Update

The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection is currently in the process of implementing Phase I and Phase II Risk Assessments on Reservation properties to address the "all appropriate-inquiry" aspect to CERCLA Act. CERCLA contains national policy and procedures for containing or removing hazardous substances that have been released, and also provides funding and guidance for cleaning up some abandoned and contaminated hazardous waste sites.

The Phase I ESA involves a review of records, a site inspection, and interviews with owners, occupants, neighbors and local government officials. If contamination occurred at the site, the records and reviews will be the best sources to provide this information. Contamination can result from activities that took place previously on the site.

If a Phase I ESA identifies potential contamination of the site by hazardous materials, a Phase II ESA may be conducted. The Phase II includes sampling and laboratory analysis to confirm the presence of hazardous materials. Some of the tests include; soil and water sampling, drum sampling, groundwater monitoring well installation, geophysical testing and others.

Additional details about the two Phase I & II projects can be found on the Tribal website at [www.pbpindiantribe.com](http://www.pbpindiantribe.com).

## How Does Climate Change Impact the PBPB Reservation?

This is what the Planning and Environmental Protection (PEP) Department would like to figure out. On August 5, 2016 the PEP Department was awarded a grant from the BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Program to host tribally-based climate change communication workshops. Part of the grant will fund 2 PEP staff members to attend climate adaptation training while the other portion will go toward hosting scientists and climate educators here at the Reservation in order to conduct 2-day workshops. One day of the workshops will be general climate and environmental information for the whole community to attend and learn about climate change and what that means for the PBPB community. The second day of the workshops will be focused on dispersing more technical information for Program Directors, Administrators and those who would like more in-depth knowledge for adaptation purposes. The information gained from these workshops will be developed into a PBPB climate adaptation plan informed by community members. The primary goal for the grant funding is to have trained environmental staff to formulate a holistic, culturally-appropriate strategy to share climate resilience knowledge with the community. Climate change is “not about everything getting hotter. It’s about the extremes. The weirding. The new normal.” (Altnet, 2011) What that generally means for us here in the Midwest is more erratic, unpredictable weather patterns such as simultaneous drought with bouts of flooding. What is less understood is how weather shocks and climate change will impact people. There is research that describes climate change impacting everything from agricultural production, building infrastructure, higher costs for energy production to heat and cool homes and for tribal communities, the environmental conditions for (dancing) ceremonies. Our goal at PEP is to be prepared and have planning measures in place for dynamic weather patterns while keeping our community informed and up to date. So, be on the lookout for workshop information and come prepared to learn about how the changing climate will impact you!

### Battling Mold, Mildew, or other Fungal Species?

It’s unsightly and scary seeing a “black” spot growing on the wall or ceiling of your home. Although the PBPB Division of Planning & Environmental Protection does not test for mold, the Air Program can offer support with a basic IAQ assessment.

What is a basic IAQ assessment? A basic IAQ assessment is when the Environmental Technician for the Air program utilizes the capacity obtained from trainings to take building science/investigation and combine it with identifying indoor air quality pollution sources. Through these assessments it is the goal of the Environmental Technician to identify IAQ related issues and address the issues in order decrease health risks associated to short or long term exposure of pollutants.

## Volkswagen Settlement



In June 2016, EPA announced a final settlement of \$14.7 billion that will be paid by German automaker Volkswagen when it was discovered that they had cheated on their emission tests and deceived customers; over 500,000 vehicles (2.0-liter) between the years of 2009-2015 will be affected by this settlement.

Through this settlement, \$10.03 billion will be used to compensate consumers who fit in the category of compensation and buyback, and another \$4.7 billion to mitigate the pollution from these cars and invest in green vehicle technology. In addition, the settlement will create a \$50 million mitigation trust fund for Tribes; a trustee for the Tribal mitigation has yet to be selected. Through this Tribal mitigation trust fund, Tribes are able to utilize the funds for eligible projects to lower Nitrogen Oxide (NOx).

This information outlined is a brief overview of the Volkswagen settlement. Further details will be provided when public announcements are made with EPA, National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) and other supporting channels.

Visit  
[VWCourtSettlement.com](http://VWCourtSettlement.com) or  
[AudiCourtSettlement.com](http://AudiCourtSettlement.com)  
for general information



# BLUE WEEK = RECYCLING



Blue Week was adopted to assist with growing demand, efficiency, and customer service. All bins need to be located at the end of the driveway, unless pre-approved. Recycling service days that fall on Holiday will be addressed during the next business day; schedule subject to change in accordance of unforeseen Holiday and inclement weather.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact 785-966-2946.

Recycle: Monday- Scattered; Tuesday-Cluster
Office Closed: Recycling will resume next recycle business day

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**Youth Environmental Heroes**



The Division of Planning and Environmental Protection was pleased to host six summer youth workers during the months of May-July 2016. Elijah Ragsdale, Knowee Potts, Candelaria Alcantar, Justice Gaylord, Bem Hubbard, and Jimmy Hester assisted staff with composting, source reduction, and waste management programs. The youth worked tirelessly through the summer heat, rain and the busiest time of the year. We enjoyed spending time with them and they contributed greatly to our team morale.