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January Newsletter

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CTEPO Updates!

Announcements

E-Waste Event- January 12th- January 15th

Have e-waste? Drop it off at the Transfer Station or call the Solid Waste Team for pickup during the week of the twelfth. More information on Page 4.

Water Testing

After the recent fires and rains, it is important to assess water quality throughout the Reservation. Please contact our office if you would like your water tested.

Greetings 2026! We've long awaited your arrival. Happy New Year everyone! CTEPO is very hopeful this new year will be a memorable one for us all and an opportunity for our department to prosper.

CTEPO is working on quite a few projects to build upon its existing programs. After spending December assessing areas of need and program goals, January will be focused upon building towards projects the Tribe needs and wants.

We are looking forward to where CTEPO intends to go in this new year. We hope that there is greatness to come for each and every one of you reading this letter. May 2026 treat us all with kindness and may our department continue towards its goals for the betterment of the Tribe and the environment.

Winter Calendar

January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
				New Year's Day		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Martin Luther King Day						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
President's Day		24	25	26	27	28
22	23					

March 2026

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Winter Wonderings

- **January 3rd** is the day the Earth will be the closest to the sun in its orbit. This is called perihelion.
- **The Quadrantid Meteor Shower** will take place on **January 4th**.
- **January 20th** is **National Penguin Day**. Emperor Penguins live in **Antarctica**. Due to human's impacts on the environment, they are now listed as a near threatened species.



You Snow You Wanna Laugh

Why did January get promoted? It It iced out the competition.

What did January say to February?

“You’re just a shorter version of me.”

What do you say when greeting January?

“Ice to meet you!”



CTEPOs Services of 2026

It's a new year! Here is an updated list of all of the things CTEPO can do for you in 2026:

Weekly Trash Collection

Any Tribal Member living on the Reservation can be added to the weekly trash route. If you would like to be included, contact our office so that we can coordinate with you.

Recycling

The Solid Waste Team can collect your recyclables during the trash route. Each household participating in weekly collection are provided with a blue recycling bin for this purpose.

Call for Pickup

Call our Solid Waste Team to for several other types of waste collection. If we can accept it, we can collect it!

- This includes:
- Bulk Waste
- E-waste
- White Waste
- Green Waste

Waste Diversion Events

Throughout the year, CTEPO will have various collection events for different types of waste. Be on the lookout for notices of these events so you can take advantage of them.

Water Quality Testing

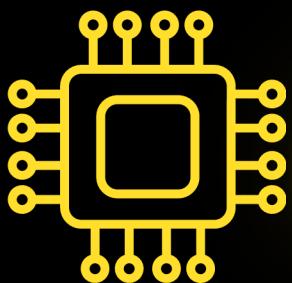
Any Tribal Member household on the Reservation can contact our office to schedule water quality testing. CTEPO will collect the samples and provide a report for the analysis

Air Quality Testing

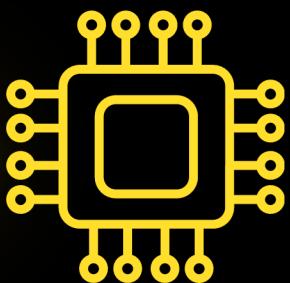
CTEPO can conduct a radon detection test at your residence or provide you with a testing kit. There are a few steps to the process so please contact us if you'd like to coordinate such for your home.

Still have questions?

Contact our office with questions or if you have any other environmental concerns or suggestions you would like to share with our department.



Electronic Waste



Any discarded electronic based materials or items are classified as Electronic Waste, AKA “E-Waste.”

Why do we separate E-waste?

The reason to separate e-waste from other forms of waste is to ensure the materials are properly broken down and recycled accordingly.

The precious metals and batteries often contained in e-waste be harmful to the environment if they are improperly disposed of in landfills. E-waste also contains many materials composed of finite resources. This means we need to recycle them as best we can because the Earth will not produce any more of these materials.

It is our job to make sure we dispose of our e-waste correctly to prevent harming the planet, the people of the world, and our future.

How to Throw it Away

Recycle your E-waste by taking it to an accepting facility. Many E-waste facilities will accept it for free.

Or, better yet, use CTEPO's services during an E-Waste collection event!

CTEPO will be holding an E-Waste Collection Week from January 12th - January 15th, 2026. You can drop your E-waste off at the transfer station or call CTEPO to pick it up!

Types of E-Waste

Computers & Accessories

- Desktops
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Printers
- Keyboards



Entertainment Technology

- Televisions
- TV Receivers
- Satellites
- Game Consoles
- DVD & VCR Players
- Remote Controllers
- Cords & Adapters



Corded Cleaners

- Vacuums
- Carpet Cleaners



Communication Technologies

- Telephones
- Cell Phones
- Tablets
- Radios
- Chargers



Recording Devices

- Cameras
- Cameracorders



Word Search

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Word Bank

Cameras

Carpet

Cleaners

Cell Phones

Cords

Desktops

DVD Players

Finite

Game

Consoles

Keyboards

Laptops

Monitors

Printers

Radios

Satellites

Tablets

Telephones

Televisions

TV Receivers

Vacuums

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