Inaliq Hazardous Waste

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Subsistence
1950 - something
Tourist captures a photo shot of the last skinboat made on Little Diomede.
Teach them that this human activity is a health threat.
Hazardous Waste becomes a health concern.
Increase local knowledge about HAZARDOUS WASTE, by educating the residents of Little Diomede.

- Partner with other entities
- Online research
- Educate the community
- Post flyers
- Host events
- Attend meetings
- Share photos
• Think **HAZARDOUS WASTE**!

• Identify Pollution Problems in the community

• Assess Residential and Commercial entities to measure & log accumulated Hazardous Waste
The more we want THAN need, more issues arise.
This is where we are now, and if we don’t make space in our minds and hearts for change, it will continue to be this BIG unhealthy and unsafe mess!
• In 2014, Native Village of Diomede eliminated single-use plastic bags.
Community Activities

JUNE 16, 2014—CRESTED AUKLET WITH DRY-STICKY PLUMAGE FOUND ON LITTLE DIOMED, ALASKA

PLEASE REPORT ANY UNUSUAL OR DEAD BIRD FINDINGS TO THE DIOMEDIA OFFICE or call 999-2172
Sick birds will be sent in to Gay Sheffield, UAF Marine Advisory Program in Nome, Alaska.

SAFE HANDLING
- Do not eat the sick birds!
- Wear gloves or a plastic bag when picking up the bird.
- Wash your hands in warm soapy water.
- Wash or throw away your gloves after use.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO TO HELP
- Take photos using your cell or camera
- Report the date, location, found species, number of birds
- Keep dead birds cool in an ice and bag and placed in a refrigerator
REACH....IT’S EASY

- GO ONLINE:
  - RECYCLING IS IN YOUR NEAREST HUB
  - ONLINE RESOURCES CAN TEACH U ABOUT HARMFUL TOXINS.
  - TEACH OUR CHILDREN THE RIGHT WAY!
SIMPLE GOALS

Make Your Own Non-Toxic Cleaning Kit

Homemade Mayonnaise

Make Your Own Laundry Detergent

Home Remedies
It takes a voice to make a difference.