

Tire recycling service in county begins Wednesday

The Monroe County Recycling & Green Community Program and Monroe County Drain Commission have announced this year's tire recycling service for Monroe County residents.

Starting Wednesday, there will be four opportunities during 2017 to recycle unwanted passenger vehicle tires through the tire recycling program offered by the Monroe County Recycling & Green Community Program and the Monroe County Drain Commission.

Besides next week, the dates are 9 a.m. to noon or until the trailer is full May 31, June 28 and July 26 at the Monroe County Drain Commission office, 1005 S. Raisinville Rd.

Tires will not be accepted at any other time and leaving tires after hours is illegal dumping, which is considered to be a punishable offense.

Participants are allowed to bring up to 20 tires per vehicle and collected tires will be recycled at no charge.



All tires must be clean and off the rim. Only passenger vehicle or light truck tires will be accepted.

This program is for Monroe County residents only. Tires from commercial sources will not be accepted. Residents who have large tires to recycle can call the Environmental Health Office at (734) 240-7900 for recycling information.

“Proper disposal of tires is essential for the health and safety of you

and the environment. Piles of scrap tires are a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests and are also a serious fire hazard,” the announcement said.

The tires collected through this project will be recycled into materials for use such as playground and landscape applications, rubberized asphalt road projects, in-fill material for synthetic athletic fields and rubber chips for septic fields and other engineered projects. Residents also are encouraged to dispose of old tires when purchasing new tires at the retailer. More than 5,000 tires were collected for recycling at last year's events.

This program is funded by a grant from the Scrap Tire Cleanup Project through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the County of Monroe.

For information on Monroe County's Recycling and Green Community Programs, contact Dan Rock at 240-7909 or Dan_Rock@monroemi.org.