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# News Release

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## **Twelve Communities Join County Tire Collection Program**

**WAYNE COUNTY, MI** – The Wayne County Department of Environment is providing its first-ever scrap tire collection program in 12 communities.

Tire collection events will be held on Saturdays from April to October in Allen Park, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Pointe Woods, Highland Park, Huron Township, Livonia, Northville, Taylor, Trenton, Van Buren Township, and Rockwood.

“These tire collection events are a new environmental partnership with local communities and Wayne County,” said Environment Director Kurt Heise. “The community will be responsible for promoting the event and providing a drop-off site with staff. The county will provide a roll-off box, and will take the tires to a recycling facility.”

“The statewide ban on tire disposal in landfills enacted several years ago has resulted in increased dumping of scrap tires across the county. It’s important to get scrap tires out the waste stream and disposed of properly,” Heise explained. “Tires don’t decompose, are made of hazardous substances, and if left outside, can be a fire hazard and are a breeding ground for mosquitoes.”

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Tires collected at the events will come from local residents. Tires from commercial sources will not be accepted. Residents bringing tires to a collection event will be limited to ten tires per vehicle. Anyone bringing tires to an event will be required to provide proof of community residency.

To participate in the program, check with your local participating city or township, or call Wayne County's Department of Environment at (734) 326-4437.

