DOVER — DNREC is once again rolling out an opportunity for Delaware residents to recycle their old and disused tires at a Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day put on by the Division of Waste & Hazardous Substances. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., rain or shine, Saturday, April 1 at the Middletown DelDOT Yard, 5369 Summit Bridge Road, Middletown, DE 19709.

The drop-off event enables residents to bring up to 10 passenger car or light duty truck tires from their households for recycling. Scrap tires from businesses, commercial dealers, large truck or equipment tires, tires on rims or bicycle tires will not be accepted. Scrap tire drop-off is limited to Delaware residents and requires proof of residency in the form of a driver’s license or utility bill.

DNREC’s Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Section implements the scrap tire program. The program, currently responsible for removing large, unsightly scrap tire piles throughout the state, will soon include a scrap tire pile compliance program. Scrap tire piles can create environmental hazards, blight the landscape and contribute to the increasing population of mosquitoes. Careful management of scrap tire piles can help in minimizing risk.

The Delaware Scrap Tire Management Program is funded by a state fee of $2 for each new tire sold. Enacted Jan. 1, 2007, the fee is diverted to the Scrap Tire Management Fund, a matching fund and program created to remove and address scrap tire piles statewide.
For more information regarding the Scrap Tire Drop-Off Day, for assistance with removing a qualifying scrap tire pile from your property, or scrap tire management in the state, please visit DNREC’s website
http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/Info/Pages/ScrapTire.aspx or contact the Scrap Tire Management Program at 302-739-9403, option 3.

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