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## Free Tire Disposal Event in Lexington July 24-25

Nebraskans generate more than 1.5 million scrap tires annually – about one tire for every person. The opportunity to recycle some of those tires will take place in Dawson County July 24 and 25. Tires can be brought to the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) District 6 Maintenance Yard, 2812 Plum Creek Parkway in Lexington. Follow signage for entry into yard.

The hours of the tire amnesty event are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24 and 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, July 25. The NDOR-sponsored event is made possible through the receipt of a grant from the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, which allows for the acceptance of up to 500 tons of tires. The grants are part of the agency's waste reduction and recycling program and are funded by a \$1 fee on new tires purchase in Nebraska.

No semi-trucks are allowed. Tires that contain rims or tires that originate from retailers or businesses that have charged or collected fees are not eligible to participate in this event.

Once the tonnage is reached, tires will no longer be accepted.

NDOR collects scraps and tires from public roadways as a safety measure, and as a means of preventing environmental pollution. The tires collected during Nebraska tire amnesty events are recycled into park benches, picnic tables, playground mulch, and more. Area residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to put those scrap tires to good use.

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