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Oklahoma City Recognized as Clean Community

A special ceremony is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 3, 2013, to recognize the City of Oklahoma City as an Oklahoma Clean Community. Oklahoma City cleaned up approximately 40,000 tires over the past several years as part of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Used Tire Recycling Program. The ceremony will be held at SW 15th & S. Portland in Oklahoma City at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Since July 1, 2011, the Used Tire Recycling Program has focused primarily on legacy tire dumps and those that pose a threat to the public's health and the environment. DEQ's remediation efforts have reduced the number of tires in all dumps to about half of what was estimated to be in existence prior to 2011.

DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete, DEQ will recognize an entity as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

The tires removed from Oklahoma City were transported to a recycling facility for further processing. Oklahoma City's cooperation in this project has made it a "Clean Community."

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrg.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov or 405-702-5175.

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