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## News Release

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### **Choctaw Nation Recognized as Clean Community**

A special ceremony is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 19, 2013, to recognize the Choctaw Nation as an Oklahoma Clean Community. The ceremony will be held at the Choctaw Nation Recycling Center, which is located in a lot behind 3108 Enterprise Boulevard, Durant, Oklahoma.

The Choctaw Nation partnered with other communities to hold recycling events. At those events more than 5,600 tires were collected that would have otherwise ended up in dumps. More events are planned in the future. In addition to these events, the Choctaw Nation has implemented several environmental service projects, including two recycling centers and numerous drop-off locations at which a variety of recyclables is accepted.

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 a community has completed at least one cleanup event, it is then eligible to become an Oklahoma 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](mailto:ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov) or 405-702-5175.

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