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## Ongoing Tire Recycling Starting in Brooke County

BEECH BOTTOM, W.Va. – Starting later this month, Brooke County residents won't have to wait for a one-day recycling event to get rid of unwanted tires.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's (WVDEP) Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP) is teaming up with the Brooke County Recycling Center to offer an ongoing tire collection and recycling program.

Brooke County residents will be able to bring their unwanted tires to the recycling center next to the animal shelter off Route 2 between Beech Bottom and Windsor Heights beginning March 25. Tires will be accepted from 8 a.m. to noon every Friday.

There are limitations to the tire collection. Those who bring tires to the recycling center will have to show proof of residency. Only car, truck, motorcycle and lawn tractor tires will be accepted. Tractor trailer tires will not be taken. Only 10 tires can be donated at a time and rims must be removed. Businesses are also not permitted to drop off unwanted tires.

Residents with more than 10 tires that need disposal are asked to call the REAP Pollution Prevention and Open Dumps Program at 1-800-322-5530.

This ongoing tire collection and recycling closely resembles the recently started ongoing program in neighboring Hancock County. Previously, residents in both areas had to wait for scheduled single-day tire collection events, which REAP hosts in each of the state's 55 counties. However, many tire collection events were passing without residents knowing about them. The result was unwanted tires littering the landscape and no recycling options. Because this tire collection is ongoing, the hope is that more tires will be collected and kept out of landfills and streams.

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