



Facility to Host County Fugitive Tire Roundup Collection Point

Youth organizations participating in the Westmoreland Cleanways' Fugitive Tire Roundup will be using the MAX Yukon facility as a collection point this year. This annual program, sponsored by area tire dealers, recruits youth groups from Westmoreland County to collect illegally discarded tires from fields, streams and roadsides throughout the county. The tires will be collected on Saturdays throughout the month of April. The Yukon collection point is one of three locations in the county where tires will be staged prior to being sent for recycling.

Westmoreland Cleanways Director Ellen Keefe says that in addition to ridding the landscape of illegally disposed tires, the Fugitive Tire Roundup helps to educate participants on the environmental damage caused by the dumping, and to foster community pride. It also provides groups such as scouts, school groups, 4-H and church groups an opportunity to earn money for their organizations. A "bounty" of 75 cents per tire is paid for the first 200 tires collected, so that each group can earn up to \$150.00.

Keefe estimates that since 1995, more than 60,000 fugitive tires have been cleaned up from the Westmoreland County landscape. She says that vigilance by community officials and residents is key to preventing continued illegal dumping. "We encourage local communities and law enforcement to keep problem areas on their radar," she says. Westmoreland Cleanways is a nonprofit organization that engages volunteers, industry leaders, and state and local



Photo courtesy of Westmoreland Cleanways.

Volunteers from various youth groups will be collecting tires each Saturday in April as part of the Westmoreland Cleanways Fugitive Tire Roundup.

government in its mission of litter prevention, recycling, public education and beautification. The organization operates a recycling center in Latrobe that accepts both conventional recyclables and hard-to-recycle items.

There is no charge for residents to drop off items such as electronic devices and paper; however, small fees are applied to items such as appliances with Freon and fluorescent bulbs.

For more information about Westmoreland Cleanways or the recycling center in Latrobe, you can visit the organization's website at www.westmorelandcleanways.com or call 724-879-4020.

Mark Your Calendars!

MAX Earth Day Tire Recycling

**April 25, 2015
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

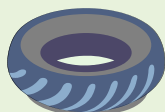


MAX's neighborhood tire collection event, held annually in recognition of Earth Day, is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Due to the rising cost of tire recycling, we ask that each resident bring a maximum of eight tires to our facility.

Additional tires may be accepted, but for a fee of \$5.00 per tire (cash only, please).

The event is open to residents in Yukon and immediately surrounding areas for the recycling of passenger car and light-truck tires (no commercial operators, please).

Light refreshments will be provided.



Facility Changes Improve Operations and Customer Service

In February, MAX completed a number of facility renovations aimed at improving operational performance and customer service.

A priority for the facility was installing a tire wash that truck

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Truck Wash Division Manager Ryan Bowser (left) instructs Greg Daniels on the operation of a vacuum unit for the truck wash sump.



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Environmental Permits Update

Evaluation continues of application for Impoundment 6 vertical increase

In November 2014, MAX responded to another round of comments by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the proposal to increase the height of the waste mass in Impoundment 6.

"Our engineering consultants continue to demonstrate through geotechnical testing that Impoundment 6 is and will continue to be structurally sound," said Carl Spadaro, MAX Environmental General Manager. "And our estimated economic benefits associated with the vertical increase will mean \$30 million dollars to the region and state with continued fees, taxes and paying local vendors for their services."

Application to renew hazardous waste management permit accepted for review

In February, the DEP notified MAX that the application to renew the Yukon facility hazardous waste management permit has been deemed administratively complete and ready for technical review.

The application was submitted to the Department last August, a month after a public meeting at the Yukon Fire Hall. The hazardous waste management permit covers all operations involving the treatment and temporary storage of hazardous waste. The permit is required to be renewed every 10 years.

The hazardous waste permit application is available for review by interested individuals at the South Huntingdon Township municipal office. For more information on MAX environmental permits or projects, contact Carl Spadaro, Environmental General Manager, by phone at **412-445-9789** or by email at cspadaro@maxenvironmental.com.

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drivers must use before exiting the plant. In order for the tire wash to be effective, plant traffic was rerouted to a one-way pattern wherein trucks would exit from a lower driveway near the truck wash station.

"The tire wash will further improve our efforts in minimizing the potential for tracking dirt out of the facility," says Jason Oblack, Director of Operations.

In addition to the tire wash, the plant constructed an enclosure building at the truck wash station.

Truck Wash Division Manager Ryan Bowser says that the addition has been an improvement for both employees and customers.

"The building is more convenient for our operators and customers, especially for a 24-hour business that operates under all weather conditions," he says.