

USED TIRE DISPOSAL

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Recently various media outlets have advertised that residents in Ontario can take their used tires to the landfill for free disposal under the Ontario Tire Stewardship program.

***** PLEASE TAKE NOTE *****

Bluewater landfills are currently NOT offering free disposal of tires and the existing fee schedule remains in effect

Landfills must be registered in the program before offering free disposal, and must meet program requirements before registering. Bluewater is currently in the process of evaluating the requirements to become registered.

Residents of Bluewater can still take advantage of this program by taking their used tires to registered retailers.

Registered retailers are obligated to accept up to 4 used tires per person at no charge without the person having to make a purchase.

To determine if there are registered retailers located in your area, please visit the website listed below.

More about the Ontario Tire Stewardship:

Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) is an Industry Funding Organization incorporated under Ontario's Waste Diversion Act, to implement and operate the Used Tires Program. This province-wide scrap tire solution for On-road and Off-road tires supplied into the Ontario market, will divert scrap tires away from burning and landfilling to 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) processing and uses. Launched on September 1, 2009, the program will eliminate the "disposal fee" that consumers currently pay to get rid of their old tires – whether or not they are buying new ones -- making it easy and free for Ontarians to get their old tires recycled by dropping them off at registered Collectors across Ontario.

The media has advertised this program to the general public, and has advised them that they can take tires to their local landfills for FREE disposal without properly explaining all of the requirements of the program

Landfills have to be registered in the program to be able to participate. Bluewater landfills are currently not registered in the program, and must meet program requirements before registering.

For more information about the program, and to find registered Collectors in your area please visit:

www.ontariots.ca