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Landfill Temporarily Stops Accepting Tires

The Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility located at 21101 Evergreen Mills Road in Leesburg will temporarily stop accepting waste tires at the county landfill effective today, Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

The landfill must temporarily suspend accepting all types of tires because the facility has reached its permitted limit for scrap tires. The temporary stoppage is expected to last two to three weeks.

The Commonwealth of Virginia limits the number of tires a facility can store, in part, to promote safe storage environments. The county's landfill has seen a recent increase in scrap tires, likely due to regional limitations on disposal sites accepting tires and increasing costs of disposal. In addition, the limited number of tire hauling operator services available to keep up with the increase volume of discarded tires resulted in the county's facility quickly reaching its permit limit.

Within the next two to three weeks, the Loudoun County landfill expects its service provider will haul away the current accumulation of tires for recycling, at which time the county can resume accepting scrap tires. Tires collected at the landfill are transported to a permitted recycler who can recycle the scrap tires for other beneficial uses, such as "crumb rubber," which is used in road construction and other applications. The tires are also repurposed as tire-derived fuel.

To minimize the potential for the landfill to reach its tire storage capacity in the future, Loudoun County will implement a limit on the number of tires residential and commercial customers may discard daily. Customer limits will enable the landfill's contracted hauler to remove the tires in a timely fashion and ensure the number of tires temporarily stored on site do not reach the limits permitted by the state. The fees for discarding tires at the county's landfill range from \$3 to \$39, depending on the size of the tire.

More information about the landfill's services is posted on the county's website at loudoun.gov/landfill.

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