

Liberty Tire's Atlanta plant collects 1,000 scrap tires

May 23 -- Crews from the Liberty Tire Recycling's plant in Atlanta have collected and recycled as many as 1,000 scrap tires that were illegally dumped on the property of Atlanta-area community center.

Pittsburgh-based Liberty Tire is donating its tire collection and reclamation services to help clean up the property of The Arts Exchange.

"The warmer months are upon us, and abandoned tire piles can be a haven for vermin and insects. They can also cause a fire hazard. The Arts Exchange certainly doesn't want to face such a situation when they host outdoor activities for children," said Dewey Grantham, regional sales manager for Liberty Tire Recycling. "When the center contacted us to tell us what they were facing, we were happy to offer our assistance at no charge."

Employees at The Arts Center have been working to resolve the situation since they discovered the tire piles last fall. When they began making inquiries into how to remove the tires, they learned that the center may be charged as much as \$2 per tire to have the scrap tires removed. This would have resulted in thousands of dollars in costs.

Once the tires are collected, Liberty Tire Recycling will grind the tires into crumb rubber, which is a component in a host of eco-friendly products such as rubber mulch for landscaping and playgrounds, infill for synthetic athletic fields and rubberized asphalt.

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