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ALMOST ONE THOUSAND TIRES ILLEGALLY DUMPED IN SAN DIEGO'S BACKCOUNTRY *County Organizes Free Tire Recycling Event to Combat Problem*

Residents can recycle their old tires for free on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Fallbrook High School at 1050 Winter Haven Road.

County recycling officials hope to collect 1,300 tires that might otherwise end up dumped illegally. In 2006, the County Roads Department collected 856 abandoned tires on roadsides in unincorporated areas, and increase of about 300 percent since 2003.

"Illegally dumped tires continue to be a significant and expensive problem throughout rural areas in the county," said County of San Diego Recycling Coordinator Wayne Williams. "By giving residents an opportunity to recycle the tires for free, it reduces pollution in the area, decreases fire and pest problems and cuts future cleanup costs."

The event is open to all county residents who live in unincorporated areas. Recycling requirements include:

- No tires with rims or wheels
- Residential tires only
- Tires must be reasonably clean
- Maximum size of 16.5 inches inside diameter
- Limit of nine tires per resident (those with 10 or more, call 1-877-R-1-EARTH)

Last year, the County's tire recycling events collected almost 4,000 tires contributed by 425 residents. The program is funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

Saturday's tire recycling event is a part of I Love a Clean San Diego's "Cleanup Day."

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