

# RECYCLING NEWS

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## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TIRES

- Tire Derived Fuel, 43% of tires that are recycled in the world can be used as a fuel. Once heated to the point of the polymers breaking apart, the product can be used as fuel.
- Recycled tires are 25% more efficient than coal when used as fuel.
- Every tire contains 5 gallons of oil.
- Recycled tires can be used to reduce vibrations on railroad tracks.
- Crumb rubber, or finely ground tires, can be used to make items such as mud flaps and anti-fatigue mats.



## When the Wheel Doesn't Roll

Tires can be difficult to dispose of although they are capable of being recycled. In the United States alone, 3.9 million tons of waste tires are generated each year. Consider all the items in the world that use tires. The month of May, Cumberland County Solid Waste Authority and Cumberland County Vector Control will be holding a tire recycling event. The event is open to the public through registration on the county website. At the time of this article, more than 1000 tires are scheduled to be recycled. For more information regarding the event, refer to the website:

[www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/recycling](http://www.cumberlandcountypa.gov/recycling).

**May Challenge = Can You Recycle That?**