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**New program developed to target illegal tire dumping**

The City of Shreveport's Department of Property Standards is partnering with Shreveport Green to establish a Waste Tire Cleanup Pilot Program. Through an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, \$42,000 is being provided to fund the execution of the program.

"We want to send a clear message that there are consequences for illegal dumping in our community," said Mayor Adrian Perkins. "To combat this issue, it's going to take a comprehensive approach with all city departments and community organizations like Shreveport Green. Building a cleaner Shreveport will take citizens having pride in our city and coming on board with this campaign."

An assessment will be conducted to determine the number of tire shops in Shreveport. Businesses will be given information cards that outline proper tire disposal, city ordinances and policies relating to proper tire disposal. It will also include facts on the dangers illegal tire dumping can cause to the environment and people.

"The mission of the program is to put the spotlight on illegal dumping, also known as "midnight" dumping, a term used to describe disposing of waste tires in unauthorized areas," said Mortimer Harris, Deputy Director of Property Standards. "Another facet of the program is to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne diseases, by removing waste tires from public and abandoned properties and to educate the public about handling and disposing of waste tires."

As part of this initiative, a team will be developed to conduct community outreach and distribute a survey that will be utilized to create educational materials for Shreveport residents.

“Tires are good for vehicles, but they are terrible when dumped in neighborhoods,” said Casaundra Calloway, Neighborhood & Education Program Director for Shreveport Green. “Over time dumped tires can leak toxic chemicals and metals into the ground, waterways and the air. Rain water collected inside the tires promotes disease-carrying mosquitos and residents shouldn’t have to look at ugly piles of tires on vacant properties.”

Data will be compiled based on citizen complaints to determine the areas to focus the department’s tire collection efforts. Motion cameras will be purchased for the Environmental Crimes Unit to monitor the tire dump sites.

Neighborhood organizations that are interested in participating can email the Director of Property Standards, Terrence Green at [Terrence.Green@shreveportla.gov](mailto:Terrence.Green@shreveportla.gov).

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