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Lt. Governor Phil Scott announces 7th annual Wheels for Warmth event

Montpelier, VT - Lt. Governor Phil Scott announced the dates for this year's Wheels for Warmth tire recycling and resale event.

Tires will be collected on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM at the following three locations:

- DuBois Construction, 46 Three Mile Bridge Road, Middlesex
- Stowe Transfer Station, Route 108 (Mountain Road), Stowe
- Casella Waste Management, 28 Avenue C, Williston

The tire sale will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM at DuBois Construction.

This year will be the 7th Annual Wheels for Warmth program. All proceeds from this unique program go to the home heating fuel assistance fund administered by Central Vermont Community Action.

Since its inception in 2004, Wheels for Warmth has raised a total of \$117,696 for fuel assistance, sold a total of 6,800 tires, and recycled 11,780 tires that were ready to come off of Vermont's roads.

“Wheels for Warmth has always been a great program for low-income Vermonters,” said Phil Scott. “But this year especially, with the financial strain placed on so many Vermont families after Tropical Storm Irene, the need is greater than ever.”

How it works

Folks show up at a Wheels for Warmth collection site on Thursday or Friday afternoon of the event to donate tires they no longer need. Maybe they recently bought a new vehicle with a different tire size...maybe they replaced their tires early...or maybe they just had some tires taking up space in their garage.

Each collection site has a DMV tire inspector on-site. The tires that meet state standards are held aside for re-sale on Saturday, while those that are not deemed safe for travel are recycled for \$4 each (which, also, goes directly to the fuel assistance program, thanks to our friends at Casella Waste Management.)

The “still-good” tires are re-sold on Saturday for a maximum of \$15 each. It's a life-saver for many low-income Vermonters who need safe tires for winter.

For more information:

Wheels for Warmth website: <http://wheelsforwarmth.com/>

Wheels for Warmth Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wheels-For-Warmth/138400451031>

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