

## **Keep Walton Beautiful / Recycling**

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The Georgia Environmental Protection Division has announced the availability of funding from the state Solid Waste Trust Fund to recycle scrap tires. Local governments and solid waste authorities can apply for funding, in the form of a reimbursement, to cover the cost of transporting and processing these tires.

I would like to apply for funding from the State to reimburse the costs associated with an amnesty event. For one week, Walton County citizens would be allowed to bring in scrap tires, free of charge, to be recycled here at the Walton County Recycling Center. We plan to hold the tire amnesty throughout the week of Earth Day, April 22- April 27. The State requires up to 90 days to process and approve applications, so getting started now would give us adequate time to get state approval and have everything in order to have a great amnesty event!

The cost of recycling tires can be significant for our citizens. It is also costly to the County who routinely clears tires from our county right-of-ways. An amnesty event will help in keeping some of those tires from making their way onto the side of the road.

I am requesting approval from the Board of Commissioners to apply for this very helpful program.

Thank you,

Kenny Sargent, Director Keep Walton Beautiful

