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Manitowoc County residents can be proud of their commitment to recycling and the betterment of our environment. Thanks to the many participants, the Manitowoc County Recycling Center’s 2014 Tire Collection brought in 76.7 tons of waste tires. The majority was car tires, though there were many other types, such as; bicycle, ATV, lawnmower, tractor, semi, and race car and heavy equipment tires. The annual Waste Tire Collection was started in 1998 and has collected approximately 1524 tons of waste tires since it began.

Waste tires can be reused in a number of beneficial ways. They can be shredded into rubber chips and used as artificial turf or as a groundcover in playgrounds. Finely ground ‘crumb rubber’ can be used in artificial turf, athletic tracks, sidewalks and other rubber products. Nylon and steel found in tires is also separated and recycled. Depending on what other materials are in the tire they may also be used as a fuel source. When burned in specially designed incinerators the release of noxious smoke can be controlled.

The Recycling Center has a number of programs throughout the year that you can use to help our environment and clean up at home including Drug Disposal programs, an ongoing Electronics Collection, the Shingle Recycling Site, Hazardous Waste Clean Sweeps and the Tire Collection. To learn more about these and other programs log onto www.manitowocrecycles.org, call 920-683-4333, or visit the Recycling Center office at 3000 Basswood Road.

