

# RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

**AUG. 2022**

**AUTO items**



## **ITEMS: Automotive BATTERIES, WASTE OIL & TIRES**

**Waste Oil INCLUDE:** Engine Oil, Transmission Oil, Hydraulic Fluid

**Waste Oil EXCLUDE:** Items such as Anti-freeze and Brake Fluid

**Tires INCLUDE:** From cars, trucks, motorcycles, bicycles

**HOW TO RECYCLE:** Bring ALL items to the Special Waste area (hazardous) - this area has all Orange signage.

## **RECYCLING FACTS:**

- **Automotive Lead Acid Batteries** are among the most recyclable batteries, with a 99% recycling rate, & saving thousands of tons from landfills.
- **Be Aware:** Lead is a toxic heavy metal that contains acid electrolyte that is corrosive if spilled. (The lead goes back into making new batteries.)
- **Motor oil** does not wear out - it just gets dirty - so recycling it saves a valuable resource...
- **Recycled used motor oil** can be re-refined into new oil, processed into fuel oils, and used as raw materials for the petroleum industry.
- **Used oil filters**, if properly drained, can be safely recycled or disposed.
- **Tires are 100% recyclable!** Producing 1 lb. of recycled rubber vs. 1 lb. of new rubber requires only 29% of the energy.
- **The Tire Industry** is the largest consumer of rubber in the U.S., using over 3 billion lbs. of rubber annually to produce over 250+ million tires.
- **Recycling 4 tires** reduces CO2 by ~ 323 lbs. which = 18 gals. of gasoline.

2021 was the 50th Anniversary of Wellesley's Recycling programs! **It's 2022 - help us do more!**

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