



### November Recycling Event

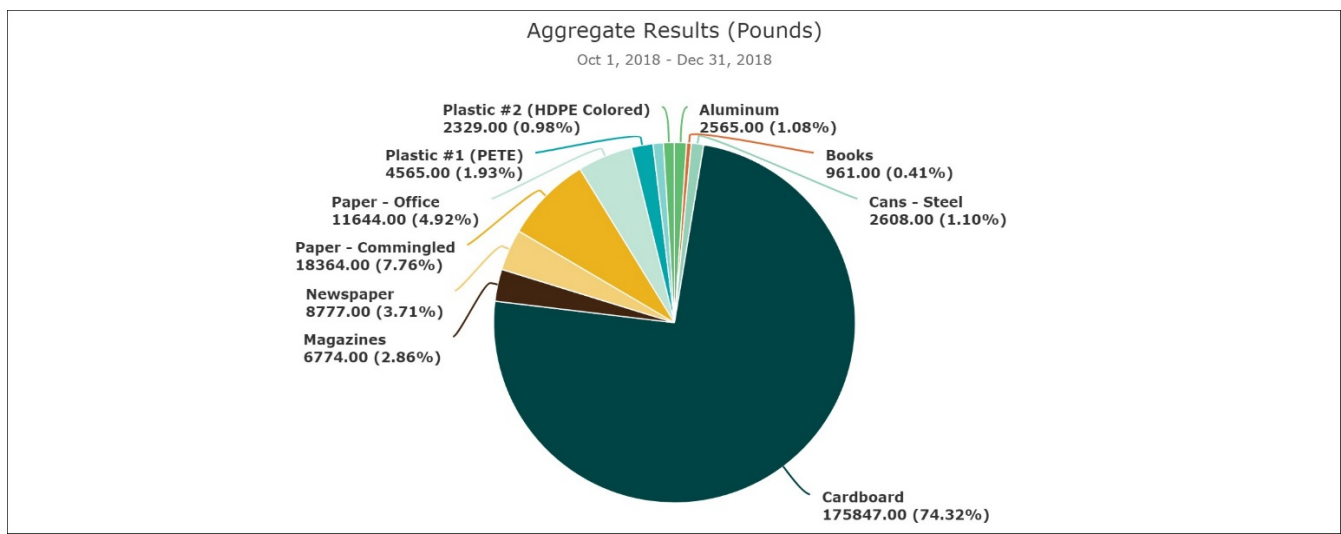
A recent collection event that was held at Red Cedar Recycling collected a total of 413 scrap tires from the general public. This event is one of two that is held each year. These tires were rescued from potentially being landfilled, to being recycled into playsafe crumb rubber that will be used for playground material.

According to the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahomans generate over three million waste tires annually. Proper tire disposal is important. Open tire dumps present serious health risks that can result from toxic tire fires and from the proliferation of disease-carrying mosquitos.

In addition to collecting the tires, over two thousand pounds of e-waste was collected for recycling during this event.

For more information on the next event please call the Modoc Office of Environmental Quality at 918-542-8176.

### October-December Recycling Numbers



# **ITEC NEWS**

## **Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium**

Cherokee Nation hosted the 1st Annual Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium in Catoosa, OK at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino October 16-18, 2018. The symposium, funded by EPA Region 6, promoted awareness on vital environmental issues that affect Tribal citizens and especially children.

Speakers from local, state, federal and Tribal perspectives were asked to present on current issues occurring in Indian Country. Some of the agenda topics included: Lead-Based Paint-Enforcement as a Tool, Teaching Children to Become Environmental Advocates, Lead in Public Health, Stop Pests in Housing, From Home to School, a Childhood Asthma Study, Choose Safe Places for Early Child Care and Mosquito-Borne Illnesses and Prevention.

The Symposium was a great success with approximately 100 participants attending this initial event. Staff has received many positive responses on the meeting and hopes to be able to present other meetings on Tribal Children's Environmental Health in the future.