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Area Schools Receive Waste Tire Grants

Two area schools received funds in the sixth round of Green School Grants for the 2012-13 school year.

More than \$375,000 was awarded in waste tire recycling grants from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Bureau of Waste Management.

The fund goes toward partially funding safe surfacing at playgrounds and picnic tables and benches made from waste tires.

This year's 43 waste tire recycling grants, ranging from \$300 to \$47,617, are distributed to recipients across the state.

Centralia schools got 45 hundred dollars to purchase composting equipment and Valley Falls Schools Received 632 dollars for additional supplies for their existing recycling efforts.

The popular grant program comes following several years of grants to Kansas tire processors to purchase equipment to process the tires into a usable raw material.

The grants are funded through a 25-cent tax paid on the purchase of new tires.