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Tire Amnesty Day to rid neighborhoods of discarded tires rescheduled for Jan. 11

Old tires are notoriously effective mosquito-breeding habitats

Fort Myers, FL, Dec. 19, 2024 – Lee County Solid Waste is partnering with Lee County Mosquito Control District and Fort Myers East Rotary for Tire Amnesty Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, to rid neighborhoods of discarded passenger car tires.

Lee County residents can drop off passenger car tires at the Lee County Mosquito Control District, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971. This event, originally scheduled for Oct. 12, was rescheduled to Jan. 11 due to Hurricane Milton.

Tires are an ideal breeding habitat for the mosquito species that can transmit Zika, dengue, yellow fever, chikungunya and even dog heartworm, according to the district. Rainwater collects in tires, which creates the perfect home for the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Once water gets into tires, it does not drain. This wet, hidden environment helps the mosquito to complete its life cycle to become the adult that bites people and animals.

“We are excited about the county’s partnership with Mosquito Control for this program,” said Lee County Commissioner Mike Greenwell, who represents Lehigh Acres. “Properly disposing of tires at this event comes at no cost to residents and provides an alternative to illegal dumping. In the case of tires, illegal dumping is not only unsightly but it’s also a public health concern. We encourage residents to take the extra effort and help keep our community safe and clean.”

The county and district ask residents to take advantage of this special event to get rid of passenger car tires and dump out any standing water around the home.

Residents can bring up to eight passenger car tires each, with or without rims, to the event. Lee County will dispose of the tires at no cost to the residents.

Only on-road vehicle tires will be accepted at this event. For information about how to dispose of larger, off-road tires, call Lee County Solid Waste customer service at 239-533-8000.

Residents who are unable to participate in the Tire Amnesty Day may place up to two passenger car tires curbside on their weekly waste collection day to be picked up.

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