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Tire Amnesty Day event canceled due to Milton

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 11, 2024 – The Tire Amnesty Day scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 12, has been canceled due to Hurricane Milton.

Lee County Solid Waste and the Lee County Mosquito Control District will look for future opportunities to schedule the event, which was intended to help to rid neighborhoods of discarded tires.

For information about how to properly dispose of tires and other materials, visit www.leegov.com/solidwaste.

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Tire Amnesty Day to rid neighborhoods of discarded tires

Old tires are notoriously effective mosquito-breeding habitats

Fort Myers, FL, Oct. 2, 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, Oct. 12, to rid neighborhoods of discarded tires.

Lee County residents can drop off car tires at the Lee County Mosquito Control District, 15191 Homestead Road, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971.

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 Mike Greenwell, Lee Board of County Commissioners chairman. “Properly disposing of tires at this event

comes at no cost to residents and also 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 tires and dump out any standing water around the home.

Residents can bring up to eight 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 off-road, larger 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 standard tires curbside on their weekly waste collection day to be picked up.

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