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Florida DEP Partners with Pasco for FREE Tire Disposal Event

~~Accepting residential tires Sept. 25 to help reduce mosquito breeding environments~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Solid Waste and Pasco County Utilities are teaming up with the [Florida Department of Environmental Protection](http://www.dep.state.fl.us) to hold a **Free Tire Disposal Event** on **Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.** The event will be held at two locations:

- Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, 14606 Hays Road, Spring Hill, Florida
- East Pasco Transfer Station, 9626 Handcart Road, Dade City, Florida

“DEP is pleased to partner with Pasco County for a tire amnesty day collection,” said Joe Ullo, director of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Division of Waste Management. “One of the key ways to fight Zika is through mosquito control. We encourage residents to take advantage of this free opportunity to dispose of old tires.”

Pasco County residents with proof of residency can bring tires for free disposal to either of the Solid Waste facilities.

For more information, call 813-929-2755 or email cryburn@pascocountyfl.net.

Click on the [Free Tire Disposal Event flyer](#) for a printable version:

A flyer for a "FREE Residential Zika Prevention Tire Disposal Event". The flyer features the Pasco County Florida logo and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection logo. It shows a stack of tires and includes the following text: "Help reduce the mosquito population by disposing of old tires - for free!", "No Commercial Loads", "Sunday, September 25th, 2016", "7 a.m. to 4 p.m.", and "Drop off tires at 2 locations:". The two locations listed are "West Pasco Resource Recovery" (14606 Hays Road, Spring Hill, FL 34610) and "East Pasco Transfer Station" (9626 Handcart Road, Dade City, FL 33525).

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2-2-2 FREE TIRE DISPOSAL EVENT

Heavy rains have increased the potential for mosquitoes and associated health risks, including the Zika virus. To help eliminate the potential for breeding mosquitoes and to avoid mosquito bites, take the following preventive measures:

Cover up – always wear socks and shoes, pants and long-sleeved shirts.

Drain Water - from garbage cans, gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flower pots or any other containers where standing water has collected.

Discard - old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances, and other items that aren't being used.

Empty and Clean - birdbaths and pets' water bowls at least once a week.

Protect - boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

Maintain - the water balance (pool chemistry) of swimming pools. Empty plastic swimming pools when they are not in use. Repair broken screens on windows, doors, porches and patios.

Repellent - apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Travelers returning from international locations are cautioned to wear mosquito repellent for two weeks after they return home.

For more information about the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, click here:

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/>

For more information about Keep Pasco Beautiful, visit the following link:

<http://keeppascobeautiful.org/>

For more information about the Pasco County Solid Waste and Resource Recovery Department:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=186>

For more information about hazardous waste in Pasco County:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?NID=183>

For more information about Pasco County Mosquito Control District and mosquito control in Pasco County, visit: <http://www.pascomosquito.org/oldsite/index.htm>

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