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Pasco County Will Hold FREE Tire Disposal Event on Sept. 25th

~~Accepting residential tires to help reduce mosquito breeding environments~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Pasco County Solid Waste Department and Pasco County Utilities Department will be holding a special Free Tire Disposal event on Sunday, September 25, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at two locations: the Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, 14606 Hays Road, Spring Hill, Florida; and the East Pasco Transfer Station, 9626 Handcart Road, Dade City, Florida.

“We encourage Pasco County residents to take advantage of this opportunity and get rid of unwanted tires. Used tires are an ideal habitat for mosquitoes to develop, especially the species, *Aedes aegypti*, which can potentially transmit Zika virus,” says Dennis Moore, Director, Pasco County Mosquito Control District. “Please help the entire community and keep your property mosquito-free.”

Pasco County residents with proof of residency can bring tires for free disposal to either of the Solid Waste facilities. For additional information call (727) 929-2755 ext. 6894 or email cryburn@pascocountyfl.net.

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

Cover up – always wear socks and shoes, long 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 on Keep Pasco Beautiful go to the following link:

<http://keepascobeautiful.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>

