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**Tire Disposal Event Collects more than 18,000 Tires**  
*~Goal to help prevent Zika Virus - Eliminate Breeding Mosquitos~*

**LAND O'LAKES, FL** --- Pasco County residents turned out in record numbers on Sunday, March 13, 2016, to participate in the Tire Disposal event at the West Pasco Resource Recovery Facility and the East Pasco Transfer Station.

Over the last 20 years, discarded tires have been accumulating on properties within Pasco County at an alarming rate. During the one day event 18,923 tires were collected from 568 Pasco County residents.

“We are very pleased with the citizen participation during our event and encourage residents to continue to eliminate potential mosquito breeding grounds by removing discarded tires from their property,” said John Power, Director, Pasco County Solid Waste. “This is an incredible amount of tires and represents a significant reduction in the potential breeding grounds for disease vector nests in our community.”

See photos of the tires collected by clicking on the following links:

<http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/23751>

<http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/23750>

<http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/23749>

Please visit our website, [www.pascocountyutilities.com](http://www.pascocountyutilities.com) Household Hazardous Waste link for more information or call Charley Ryburn at (813) 929-2755 ext. 6896.

For more information about solid waste in Pasco County:

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

For more information about recycling in Pasco County:

<http://www.pascocountyfl.net/index.aspx?nid=181>

For more information on Keep Pasco Beautiful go to the following link:

<http://keepascobeautiful.org/>

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