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Dispose of tires for free at Tire Amnesty Day

(Brooksville, FL) The Hernando County Mosquito Control Department (MCD), in conjunction with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will be hosting a Tire Amnesty Day on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hernando County Fairgrounds located at 6436 Broad Street in Brooksville. During this event, Hernando County residents will have the opportunity to dispose of an unlimited number of tires, free of charge, to reduce container breeding mosquitoes and discourage illegal dumping and storage.

“As little as a quarter inch of water can breed hundreds of mosquitos.” Mosquito Control Director Sandra Fisher-Grainger said. “Tire Amnesty Day gives residents the opportunity to clean up their property and dispose of mosquito breeding tires for free.”

During this one-day event, passenger and semi tires without the rims, preferably clean of debris and not holding water, will be accepted from residents with valid identification showing proof of residency. No commercial operators will be permitted. MCD staff will verify residency, assist with stacking the tires and provide the public with outreach materials related to protecting themselves from mosquito bites and keeping their properties clear of mosquito breeding habitats. Residents will be responsible for unloading and putting tires into containers.

Funding for the event was approved with the 2019 budget; however, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has offered to reimburse the full cost of the collection and disposal of the tires.

Outside of Tire Amnesty Day, Hernando County residents in assessed homes may dispose of up to eight tires annually, at no charge, when taken to the following locations:

West Hernando Convenience Center
2525 Osowaw Boulevard (CR 595)
Spring Hill, Florida
Phone: (352) 754-4770
Open Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

East Hernando Convenience Center
33070 Cortez Boulevard
Ridge Manor, Florida
Phone: (352) 540-6205
Open Tuesday – Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed Sunday, Monday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Northwest Solid Waste Facility (Main Landfill)
14450 Landfill Road
Brooksville, FL 34614
Phone: (352) 754-4112
Open Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Sunday, New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day

Contact the Hernando County Mosquito Control Department at (352) 540-6552 or visit www.HernandoCounty.us/mosquito for more information.

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