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Health Department and Partner Agencies Host Tire Collection Event

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), announced today that along with the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC), and the City of Pittsburgh’s Environmental Services, it will be hosting a one-day tire collection event this Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free collection will take place at the Health Department’s Clack Center located at the corner of Penn Avenue and 39th Street in the Lawrenceville neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.

Residents of Allegheny County are encouraged to bring their scrap tires, without rims, to the collection site. Residents in the neighborhoods of Lawrenceville, Polish Hill, Bloomfield, and the Strip District who are unable to bring tires to the collection site will have the opportunity to schedule a curbside pickup of their tires. Only tires, without rims, will be accepted at the drop off and be eligible for curbside pickup.

The collection location in Lawrenceville was chosen because adjacent neighborhoods have become heavily infested with the Asian Tiger mosquito and other nuisance mosquitoes over the last several years. Mosquitoes pose a concern because they can transmit diseases such as West Nile and Zika to individuals and domestic animals. The best way to control mosquitoes is to eliminate their breeding sites. The tire collection event is being offered because scrap automobile tires are an excellent breeding site. The stagnant water in a single tire can produce thousands of mosquitoes in one season.

The collection event can accept 500 tires, so individuals wishing to drop off tires are encouraged to do so early. A second tire collection event is also scheduled in Stanton Heights for May 20th.

In addition to removing scrap tires, ACHD encourages residents to eliminate any other water-holding items on their property. Anyone having questions on the event can contact the Bureau of Epidemiology at 412-578-2315.

If you need more information about mosquito control in your neighborhood, you may call the Health Department’s Office of Housing & Community Environment at 412-350-4046.

To schedule a curbside pick-up, please call the PRC at 412-488-7490 ext. 236.

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