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Health Department and Partner Agencies to Host Tire Collection Event

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), and the Pennsylvania Resources Council (PRC) will be hosting a one-day tire collection event this Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 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.

The collection location, in Lawrenceville, is in close proximity to those neighborhoods which have been impacted heavily by the mosquito population this year. Residents of Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Stanton Heights and immediately adjacent neighborhoods are encouraged to bring their scrap tires, off rims, to the collection site.

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 700 tires, so individuals wishing to drop off tires are encouraged to do so early.

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, or about how to best control mosquitoes, may call the Health Department's Office of Housing & Community Environment at 412-350-4046.

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