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### **Celebrate Earth Day with Free Tire Disposal**

To help eliminate illegal dumping of tires and educate the public about proper tire management, the York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is offering free tire disposal at the York County Resource Recovery Center. **Pre-registration is required and will be accepted during business hours between March 21 and May 20, 2016.**

Residents may preregister by calling Mindy Waltemyer at the Authority at (717) 845-1066 between the hours 8AM and 5PM, Monday through Friday, **starting March 21**. Registrants will receive a dashboard placard for a free one-time disposal of up to 10 tires. Tires must be removed from the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Tires may not be excessively dirty or full of water. This program is limited to one placard per household. The program coincides with Earth Day celebrations and is open to York County residents only. Businesses are not eligible to participate. **Registration ends at close of business on May 20, 2016.** Tire delivery dates will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

This program is a result of the Authority's participation in and support of Keep York Beautiful and its efforts to prevent and eliminate illegal dumping. Dave Vollero, Authority Executive Director, notes that "Residents can and should place old tires out with their regular garbage. The special tire acceptance program is being held to raise awareness that tires should be properly disposed of as household waste and to help prevent illegal dumping of tires." Tires collected at the curb with regular garbage must be removed from the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Residents should call their waste hauler for specifics on how many tires can be placed out with each pick-up.

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Tom Smith, Executive Director of Keep York Beautiful, points out that “Proper management of old tires eliminates potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes and results in a cleaner and healthier community.”

The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated strategy that emphasizes waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery. The Authority is the owner of the York County Resource Recovery Center in Manchester Township and conducts a year-round free litter disposal program to encourage York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods to clean up litter and illegal dumpsites. Waste collected in clean-up programs can be disposed of free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information about the free litter program, call the Authority at (717) 845-1066.

Keep York Beautiful is an affiliate chapter of Keep America Beautiful and supporter of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Its mission is to empower York County residents to make our communities clean and beautiful. Keep York Beautiful coordinates cleanups across York County and provides education and outreach programming. Residents interested in helping to clean up an illegal dumpsite should call Tom Smith at Keep York Beautiful at (717) 840-2375, or email him at: [tls35@psu.edu](mailto:tls35@psu.edu). Keep York Beautiful will assist by providing free gloves, bags and safety vests.

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