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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, in partnership with Cumberland County Vector Control, will Hold Tire Collection on September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**(August 21, 2018)** – PA CleanWays of Cumberland County, in partnership with Cumberland County Vector Control, will host a tire collection for County residents. The local group is seeking to eliminate illegal dumping and littering of tires in the county by providing a convenient and affordable alternative. **The collection will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 9 to 1 PM, at the East Pennsboro Township Public Works facility located at 645 Tower Road, East Pennsboro Township, PA 17025.**

**Pre-registration and prepayment are requested by September 26<sup>th</sup> and can be made by calling Stephanie Larson at 724-836-4121 x104 between the hours of 9AM – 4PM, Monday through Friday. Credit card and check payments will be accepted. Registration begins on August 20, 2018.**

#### **Collection fees:**

- Car/truck size on or off rim: \$2/ tire
- Tractor trailer size: \$7/ tire

**Large agricultural tires and tires from commercial operations will not be accepted.**

Tires that are improperly disposed leach toxic chemicals that contaminate soil and water. They also provide breeding grounds for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of West Nile Virus and Zika Virus. Tire piles are also in danger of catching fire. Tire fires are known for being difficult to extinguish and create an abundance of smoke that carries toxic chemicals from the breakdown of synthetic rubber compounds, contributing to air pollution.

“This would be a great opportunity to “clean house” and remove unused tires from private properties. Your recycled tires will be reground and used as rubber mulch, play turf, landscaping borders, athletic turf, and rubber asphalt roads, among other uses. Tire recycling is a win for the homeowner, as well as the environment,” said Mike Onofrey, PA CleanWays of Cumberland County Coordinator.

“These collections provide a convenient, low cost alternative to the community. The tires that are collected at these events won’t end up over the hill where they would be difficult and costly to remove,” said Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. “I commend PA CleanWays of Cumberland County and Cumberland County Vector Control for recognizing a need and partnering to provide an outlet to county residents.”

#### **About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful’s mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 133 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania’s roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit [www.keeppabeautiful.org](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org).