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## Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliates Planning Special Collections of Hard to Dispose Items for Residents

(August 25, 2021) Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's local affiliates Keep Cambria County Beautiful, Keep Huntingdon County Beautiful, Keep Juniata County Beautiful, PA CleanWays of Mifflin County and Keep Perry County Beautiful will be offering their residents a convenient and affordable option for disposing their scrap tires. Cambria County will also be accepting Freon containing and non-Freon containing appliances. These collections are sponsored in part by the Department of Environmental Protection's HHW/Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

Tires that are improperly disposed leach toxic chemicals that contaminate soil and water and 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. All tires collected will be recycled into products such as mulch, turf, molded products and crumb rubber.

Similarly, dumped appliances can leach oil, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and mercury also contaminating soil and water. In addition, abandoned appliances cause unsafe conditions for children, pets and wildlife as they can become trapped inside.

"Special collections, such as the ones coordinated by our affiliates provide a convenient, low cost option for local residents. The tires and appliances that are collected at these events won't end up over the hill where they would become an environmental contaminant and be difficult and costly to remove," said Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "I applaud local residents who seek out opportunities to dispose of their bulky items properly and our affiliates for providing this service to their communities."

Scheduled collections are for county residents. Tires from businesses will not be accepted.

**Keep Cambria County Beautiful** (tires/appliances): September 11, 8AM-1PM - Adams Township, 125 Mary Drive, Sidman; September 25, 8AM-1PM - Tunnelhill Borough, 808 Portage St., Gallitzin. For information call 814-472-2120.

**Keep Huntingdon County Beautiful** (tires) - September 18, 8AM-12PM, Huntingdon County Fairgrounds parking lot, Huntingdon. For information call 814-627-1626 x3021.

**Keep Juniata County Beautiful** (tires) - September 25, 8AM-12PM – Juniata County Fairgrounds, 308 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Royal. For information call 717-436-8953 x5.

**PA CleanWays of Mifflin County** (tires) - September 18, 8AM-12PM, Lewistown Borough Public Works facility, Lewistown. For information call 717-899-6701.

**Keep Perry County Beautiful** (tires) – September 18, 8AM-12PM, Loysville Community Center and Ball Field, Loysville. For information call 717-582-5138.

To find a collection near you, visit the Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Calendar of Events at <https://cleanup.keppabeautiful.org/Calendar.html> or contact your local county affiliate for more information about proper disposal by going to <https://www.keppabeautiful.org/affiliate-network/find-an-affiliate/>.

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### **About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful**

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's vision is a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful has worked with hundreds of thousands of volunteers across the state to pick up nearly 148 million pounds of trash from Pennsylvania's roadways, waterways, greenways, vacant lots, forestlands and other community spaces. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's core programming focuses on litter and illegal dump prevention, cleanup, community greening, and proper waste handling and sustainable practices. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works with many partnering organizations on the state and grassroots level to accomplish our goal of a clean and beautiful Pennsylvania. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is the state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the nation's largest volunteer-based community action and education organization. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit [www.keppabeautiful.org](http://www.keppabeautiful.org).