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### **Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliates and Partners Provide Responsible and Convenient Disposal for Residents – Collect Over 2 Million Pounds of Electronics in 2021**

(February 24, 2022) In 2021, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, its affiliates and partnering organizations collected a combined total of 2,201,881 pounds of electronics, 29,990 tires and 100,524 pounds of household hazardous waste. The recyclables were collected through a combination of one-day special collection events and permanent drop-off recycling centers. Nearly 2,400 volunteers helped make the events successful.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful affiliates who offered one-day collections for their residents in 2021 include: Keep Cambria County Beautiful, Keep Erie County Beautiful, PA CleanWays of Fayette County, Keep Huntingdon County Beautiful, PA CleanWays of Mifflin County, Keep Perry County Beautiful and Tri-County CleanWays, serving Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

PA CleanWays of Elk County, PA CleanWays of Venango County and Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling operate permanent drop-off recycling centers where residents can drop-off items. Contact the recycling center for items accepted and hours of operation.

“These convenient, low cost options for disposing of tires, electronics and other recyclables are crucial to making certain that these items end up where they should and not over the hillside or in our landfills. I want to thank our affiliates for providing this valuable service to their communities, volunteers for helping to staff the collections and the residents for being responsible and making sure their items are disposed of properly,” states Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

Many Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful affiliates are able to keep their costs to their residents low by participating in the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Household and Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program that provides partial funding for the responsible recycling of all items collected. The items collected are sent to DEP approved facilities for recycling. Tires are processed into rubber mulch, play turf, rubber asphalt roads and other items. The metal, plastic and glass are separated from the electronics and other recyclables and sold for reuse in items such as metal rebar, glass aggregate and plastic cell phones, laptops, and other equipment.

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful works to increase the availability of convenient, affordable disposal for certain items, such as tires, electronics, household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, and appliances. For 2022 collection events near you, visit

[keeppabeautiful.org](http://keeppabeautiful.org) and choose [Calendar of Events](#). For more information about proper disposal in your area, contact your local Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Affiliate or County Recycling Coordinator by going to [keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/supplies-resources](http://keeppabeautiful.org/programs/pick-up-pa/supplies-resources) and choosing your county.

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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 152 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.keeppabeautiful.org](http://www.keeppabeautiful.org).