

## 2025 Beaver County Conservation District Tire Collection Event



The Beaver County Vector Management Program held our tire collection event at the district grounds on Saturday May 3, 2025. It was a great success! Although we had some inclement weather, we had a great turn out from the residents of Beaver County. We collected approximately 1,000 tires! We would like to sincerely thank everyone who participated this year and for taking time to collect unwanted tires from their property to reduce mosquito habitat.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who got down and dirty with the mud and the rain. We were fortunate to have volunteers from the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the PA Master Naturalists, BCCD staff and board members, friends, and family. Without the volunteers, the tire event wouldn't be possible. Thank you for all the hard work!



The BCCD tire collection is partially funded through a grant from the PA DEP Vector Management Program. The grant enables us to offer a discount to participants to remove their unwanted tires, which are a substantial mosquito habitat. Unused tires can hold water for extended periods of time and are a prime area for mosquito breeding in local neighborhoods. Tires are known to breed different mosquito species, including the Tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), which is an avid daytime biting mosquito and a huge nuisance in urban and suburban areas.

We collaborated again this year with Liberty Tire and had a 53' semi-trailer delivered for the tires. Liberty Tire recycles the tires into reusable products such as mulch, playground surfaces, and other materials.

The tire event is also a great opportunity for the BCCD Vector Management Program to offer outreach and education on mosquitoes, ticks, and the concern to public health. Mosquitoes and ticks can carry and transmit viruses and diseases. We offer educational materials on West Nile Virus (mosquitoes), Lyme Disease (ticks) and other pathogens that mosquitoes and ticks can carry, with information on personal protection and habitat reduction techniques. We also distributed activity books for the kids, mosquito dunks (to reduce mosquito larvae before they become adults), tick kits, and other helpful information.

Thank you to all who participated and for helping reduce mosquito populations in Beaver County!



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