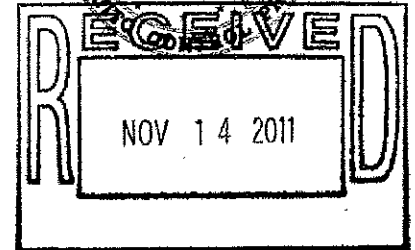


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DATE: Nov. 10, 2011
SUBJECT: Tire Recycling Program
TO: CMMCP member Health Departments
FROM: Timothy Deschamps, Executive Director

The CMMCP tire recycling program has restarted after a short hiatus for the summer season. If you have any hazardous waste or recycling events scheduled in the next few months, please contact Tim McGlinchy at (508) 393-3055 or mcglinchy@cmmcp.org to see if CMMCP can participate. We would also like to be notified of any abandoned tires in your community to see if this would qualify under our program (we do have a few limitations). Residents may also contact us at the number above or at used_tires@cmmcp.org for a pick up the next time we have a scheduled event.

On a related note, CMMCP has been selected to receive MassRecycle's 2011 BRONZE Award in the Institution & Non-profit category. MassRecycle's Annual Recycling Awards recognize individuals, businesses, municipalities and organizations for their outstanding efforts to increase recycling and eliminate waste in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Through an independent peer review process, CMMCP was chosen for our significant impact (recycling over 45 tons of tires) out of a field of 54 candidates nominated this year. CMMCP is honored to be selected by MassRecycle and receive recognition for this program.

MassRecycle is a statewide coalition of individuals, governments, businesses, institutions and non-profit organizations dedicated to promoting and realizing the vital environmental, social and economic benefits created by reducing, reusing, and recycling waste materials, and by increasing the utilization of recycled products. For more information on MassRecycle, check their webpage here: <http://massrecycle.org/>

Why is CMMCP concerned about used tires?

Used tire casings left out in the environment and allowed to hold water provide suitable areas for mosquito larval mosquito development, including those species known to carry West Nile virus such as *Oc. j. japonicus* and *Culex pipiens*. During the course of one season, the potential exists for hundreds or even thousands of mosquitoes to emerge from just one tire. If tires infested with mosquito eggs, larvae or pupae are transported, the potential to introduce mosquito species into new areas and/or the potential for the spread of arboviruses and their transmission may increase significantly.

For these reasons and as a value added service to our member cities and towns provided at no additional cost, CMMCP has developed a used tire program – more information is at this link: www.cmmcp.org/tires.htm or scan the QR code to the right with your smartphone.



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