



York County
Solid Waste Authority



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Celebrate Earth Day with Free Tire Disposal—Event Extended

To help eliminate illegal dumping of tires and educate the public about proper tire management, the York County Solid Waste Authority (Authority) is offering free tire disposal at the York County Resource Recovery Center. **Pre-registration is required and will be accepted during business hours between now and May 23, 2014. This event has been extended due to the unusually cold spring weather.**

Residents may call Jen Cristofolletti at the Solid Waste Authority to pre-register at 717-845-1066 from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Registrants will receive a dashboard placard for free one-time disposal of up to 10 tires. Tires must be off the rim and cannot exceed 32" in diameter. Tires must not be excessively dirty or full of water. This program is limited to one placard per household. The program coincides with Earth Day celebrations and is open to York County residents only. Businesses are not eligible to participate. **Registration ends** at close of business on May 23, 2014. Tire delivery dates will be scheduled on a first-come, first served basis.

This program is a result of the Authority's participation in and support of Keep York Beautiful and its efforts to prevent and eliminate illegal dumping. Dave Vollero, Authority Executive Director, notes that "Residents can and should place old tires out with their regular garbage. This special tire acceptance program is being held to raise awareness that tires should be properly disposed of as household waste and to help prevent illegal dumping of tires." Tires collected at the curb with regular garbage must be off the rim and may not exceed 32" in diameter. Residents should call their waste hauler for specifics on how many tires can be placed out with each pick-up.

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Tom Smith, Executive Director of Keep York Beautiful, points out that “Proper management of old tires eliminates potential breeding grounds for mosquitoes and results in a cleaner and healthier community.”

The Authority facilitates responsible solid waste management through an integrated strategy that emphasizes waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery. The Authority is the owner of the York County Resource Recovery Center in Manchester Township and conducts a year-round free litter disposal program to encourage York County residents, organizations, civic groups, schools, and neighborhoods to clean up litter and illegal dumpsites. Waste collected in clean-up programs can be disposed of free of charge at the York County Resource Recovery Center. Pre-registration is required. For more information about the free litter program, call the Authority at 845-1066.

Keep York Beautiful is an affiliate chapter of Keep America Beautiful and supporter of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. Its mission is to empower York County residents to make our communities clean and beautiful. Keep York Beautiful coordinates cleanups across York County and provides education and outreach programming. Residents interested in helping to clean up an illegal dumpsite should call Tom Smith at Keep York Beautiful at 717-840-2375, or email him at: tls35@psu.edu. Keep York Beautiful will assist with providing free gloves, bags and safety vests.

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