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City of Atlanta Spring 2016 Scrap Tire Drive

ATLANTA – The Atlanta City Council and the Department of Public Works are asking residents to help clean up the environment by bringing in your scrap tires for free disposal during the month of April.

Getting rid of scrap tires around your home will help eliminate insect breeding sites in your neighborhood and keep our city beautiful.

The next collection will take place on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (ChaRM), located at 1110 Hill Street, S.E. and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the parking lot of The Mall West End, located at 850 Oak Street, S.W.

- **ONLY** car tires and light duty truck tires will be accepted.
- Tires with rims and large truck tires **WILL NOT** be accepted.
- This collection is **NOT OPEN** to commercial businesses
- No limit on the amount of tires collected by residents and community groups

The city of Atlanta is committed to reducing the amount of scrap tires in our city; collecting an average of 5,000 illegally dumped scrap tires each month through various community partners, said Keep Atlanta Beautiful Executive Director Kanika Greenlee.

“Scrap tires take up large amounts of space in landfills are often dumped into illegal tire piles. These scrap tire piles can be a threat to the environment. Tires exposed to the elements can hold water and be a breeding space for mosquitoes,” Greenlee said.

The month long scrap tire collect drive is sponsored by the Atlanta City Council, the Department of Public Works, the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission, the Mayor’s Office of Sustainability and Liberty Tire Recycling.

To volunteer, report illegally dumped scrap tires or for questions, contact the Keep Atlanta Beautiful Commission at 404-330-6721 or email kngreenlee@atlantaga.gov

This month's scrap tire collections comes at a time when U.S. public health officials used their strongest language to date just this week in warning about a possible Zika outbreak in the United States. Zika is spread by the bite of the *Aedes aegypti* and possibly the *Aedes albopictus* mosquito species that often breed in containers that collect standing water such as scrap tires, according to scientists.

As summer approaches, public health officials are warning that mosquito eradication efforts especially of the *Aedes aegypti* and the *Aedes albopictus* species, as well as lab tests and vaccine research may not be able to catch up. *Aedes aegypti* and the *Aedes albopictus* mosquitos are considered to be among the most widespread mosquito species and are prevalent in the southern U.S.

Additional scrap tire collections during the month of April will include:

- April 21 and April 22 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Shirley Place and Verbena Street, N.W.
- April 22 at 870 Proctor Street, N.W.
- April 22 and April 23 at Greenbriar Mall, 2841 Greenbriar Parkway, S.W. (parking lot)
- April 23 at the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials, 1110 Hill Street, S.E.
- April 28 through April 30 at 2175 James Jackson Parkway, N.W.
- April 30 at the Adamsville Recreation Center, 3201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive (parking lot)

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