



Hunterdon County
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Solid Waste & Recycling Services Program

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**HUNTERDON COUNTY
CONDUCTS SCRAP TIRE CLEAN-UP IN KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP**

The Public Health Services and Corrections Divisions of Hunterdon County Department of Public Safety have completed the collection; removal and recycling of nearly 2,000 scrap tires from a property in the Baptistown area of Kingwood Township. "The proper disposal of any discarded scrap tire is important," said Tadhgh Rainey, head of the Health Services Division. "Removing this quantity of tires from one site positively affects not just the immediate neighborhood but the entire area."

Several concerned neighbors assisted a work crew from the Hunterdon County Correctional facility's Labor Assistance Program (LAP), working throughout the day on a recent Saturday to remove the tires that had been dumped on the property by former businesses in the area. "This is what the LAP program is designed to do - provide the labor to help our residents" said corrections division head, John Paulmeno.

This project was funded by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Recycling Enhancement Act grant. Improperly discarded tires serve as larval habitat for mosquitoes. Since the entire county and state are becoming increasingly affected by mosquito borne diseases, such as West Nile virus and recently introduced chikungunya virus, the Board of Chosen Freeholders are seeking additional grant funds to continue large scale scrap tire clean-ups. "The Freeholders are aware of the public health problems associated with discarded scrap tires, and the County is prepared to allocate resources to provide for their proper collection and disposal" said Matt Holt, Director of the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders. A residential tire drop off program is planned in the future when funding becomes available.

For more information on public health issues affecting Hunterdon County, including insect-borne diseases or information regarding the Department of Corrections LAP program, please visit the Hunterdon website at <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/>.

