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Mosquito Control District Announces Two-Day Event to Collect & Dispose Used Tires FREE of Charge

Officials with the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District (FKMCD) have announced the agency will collect and dispose used tires free of charge for Florida Keys residents during a two-day initiative later this month.

Previously used tires, stored outside, are prone to becoming prolific mosquito breeding habitats for several species of concern. Collecting the tires and properly disposing of them at a recycling facility will benefit all residents of Monroe County by physically removing hundreds if not thousands of these habitats from the environment.

Residents who have used tires can drop them off for disposal at any of three FKMCD facilities:

- 18 Aquamarine Drive, Big Coppitt
- 503 107th Street Gulf, Marathon
- 100701 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo
 - Friday, January 20 & Saturday, January 21
 - 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FKMCD employees will be on site to assist with the drop-off from residents only, limit **four tires per person please**. Tires from commercial shops cannot be accepted. Please bring a photo ID.

The Tire collection effort is made possible thanks to partnership and a grant made available via the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

About the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

The mission of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is to protect the public from health threats and nuisance issues that impact the local economy by utilizing control methods that are efficient, effective and environmentally sensitive.

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