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## NEWS

### **Hamilton County Public Health Removes 1,000 Tires from Open Dump**

**HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO** – Hamilton County Public Health facilitated the removal of more than 1,000 abandoned tires from an open dumping site in Miami Township.

When large quantities or piles of waste accumulate in an area not designed to handle such materials it is considered open dumping – which is illegal. Improper disposal of waste is not only unsightly, but it may affect the public health and the environment.

“Abandoned scrap tires are a public health threat because they are an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes, pose a potential fire risk, and create unsightly nuisances in our environment,” said Tim Ingram, Health Commissioner.

This tire removal effort was possible due to an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Tire Amnesty Grant secured by the Hamilton County Recycling and Solid Waste District. The special clean-up effort was organized by the Waste Management Division of Hamilton County Public Health.

“This open dump site is on the bank of Jordan Creek on property inherited by a senior adult who is physically and financially unable to remove the tires,” said Chuck DeJonckheere, director of Waste Management at Hamilton County Public Health. “This is a known open dumping site and we knew the property owner needed help.”

Five health inspectors sorted and hauled more than 1,000 tires from along the stream bank to the roadside for pick-up by Rumpke. This effort will have a significant impact on water quality in the Jordan Creek.

Ideally, scrap tires are stored in covered containers or inside buildings until they can be transported to a tire recovery/disposal facility by a registered tire transporter, such as Rumpke.

More information about open dumping and scrap tires can be found at [www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org](http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org).

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