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Help Remove Tires and Prevent Mosquito Breeding Grounds

To combat mosquito-borne illnesses and improve community health, Crawford County Health Department is asking all residents to cover, enclose or recycle all detached tires as a proactive way to reduce standing water that can serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Discarded tires can collect rainwater and become ideal habitats for mosquitoes, including species known to carry serious diseases such as West Nile virus, Zika virus, and dengue fever. With warmer months approaching, now is the time to take action.

Check your property for unused tires to help keep your family, friends and neighbors healthy by keeping them COVERED, ENCLOSED or RECYCLED!!

The Department of Natural Resources website has a page dedicated to "Waste Tires in Wisconsin." You can search for waste tire haulers and local recycling programs here.

For other tips to eliminate mosquito breeding habitat and how to protect yourself from mosquito bites (and tick bites), visit Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Fight the Bite! at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Waste/Tires.html