

RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO KEEP TIRES MOSQUITO FREE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW



A tire can be one of the most prolific and overlooked man-made mosquito breeding habitats. New, used, or illegally dumped, if you have tires located on your property, you are required by the Rockland County Sanitary Code to store or maintain them, so they are unable to hold water and breed mosquitoes. Below are several suggestions on how to stay in compliance and avoid getting a potential fine!

1. **RIMMED TIRES** – If tires are mounted on rims, they should not be capable of holding water and breeding mosquitoes. No further action needs to be taken.
2. **DISPOSE** – If there are tires on your property that you have no use for, simply get rid of them. You may need to contact your local highway department or transfer station for information on proper disposal. There are also junk pickup services that may be able to pickup the tires for you at a cost. Simply leaving the tires out on the street for pickup is not acceptable since they are still exposed to the elements and may not be picked up right away.
3. **STORE PROPERLY** – If you have un-rimmed tires that you plan on keeping, you must store them in a solid, weather-tight structure or container (shed, garage, trailer, etc.). If this is not possible, tires can be neatly stacked outdoors and topped with a flat, solid object such as plywood or sheet metal. The covering should be weighted down for safety. This practice is considered acceptable as long as it keeps water from getting into the tires. According to the Sanitary Code, tires must be completely DRY when stored otherwise mosquitoes can still breed in them. Using a tarp or other loose covering to cover tires is not acceptable!
4. **PERFORATE** – If your un-rimmed tires must remain outdoors for whatever reason (used as a weight, tire swing, etc.), an acceptable method is to drill holes in the sidewall and/or tread of the tire. This will allow accumulated water to drain out of the inside of the tire. **USE CAUTION:** This practice is acceptable only if it is effective. If a perforated tire is found holding water, it is still in **violation**.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THESE ARE JUST SUGGESTIONS. THESE PRACTICES ARE ONLY ACCEPTABLE IF THEY ARE EFFECTIVE. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ITEMS/AREAS OF CONCERN ARE NOT CAPABLE OF HOLDING WATER. IF ANY NON-ESSENTIAL WATER IS FOUND, IT IS A VIOLATION OF THE LAW!

To ensure compliance and avoid fines, or to report improper tire storage or other mosquito breeding concerns call 845-364-3173 or email: WNV@co.rockland.ny.us



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