

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE RECLAMATION & MOSQUITO CONTROL BOARD

## CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

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DPW Superintendents,

Your town is a member of the Central Mass Mosquito Control Project (CMMCP) and as such I want to bring to your attention our tire recycling program. This program may be of great benefit to your department and other town departments, especially those with an interest in recycling. We want you to consider CMMCP a resource for dealing with tires that may be dumped or abandoned in town. CMMCP has been cleaning up abandoned tire piles for over 10 years throughout the territory we operate. The cost of this program is paid for out of the operational budget of CMMCP and no additional costs are passed on to the town.

This program is not for commercial businesses or industry and is generally limited to car and truck tires without rims on them. It is meant to be a resource for towns to rid themselves of abandoned tires and provide residents a resource for recycling used tires.

Tires without rims on them collect water on the inside and provide perfect habitat for mosquitoes to lay eggs, in turn producing thousands of mosquitoes. A single tire can produce hundreds if not thousands of mosquitoes during the summer. Our benefit in removing these tire piles is in reducing the mosquito population, reducing mosquito-borne viruses and keeping people healthy.

Over the past 10 years we have assisted towns like yours in various ways, from removing a single abandoned tire on the side of the road to cleaning up sites consisting of several hundred tires. We have cleaned up tires along rail trails, parks, roads, participated in Earth Day celebrations and community-wide town clean-ups. Town residents can even contact us to arrange a tire pick-up under certain conditions. All the tires collected are transported to a recycling facility for secondary use. So, if you have abandoned tires to be cleaned up and recycled in town please know we are a resource for you to use. There is more information on this program on our website link: <a href="https://www.cmmcp.org/tire-collection-program">www.cmmcp.org/tire-collection-program</a>

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our office at 508-393-3055.

Sincerely,

Timothy McGlinchy, Director of Operations Central Mass Mosquito Control Project

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