



2026 BCCD Tire Collection Event



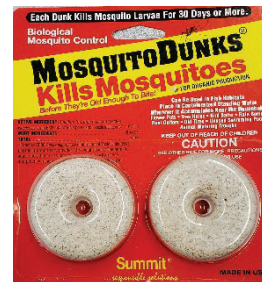
The Beaver County Mosquito-Borne Disease Control Program and Beaver County Conservation District held our tire collection event on Saturday May 2, 2026, at the district grounds. This year, with the help of all our participants who braved the cold, blustery weather, we collected over 1,200 tires! We would like to thank everyone who participated and helped to reduce mosquito breeding habitat from our communities.

The tire collection is made possible with a grant from the PA DEP Vector Management Program. The grant makes it possible for us to offer a discount to participants to help remove old unwanted tires from their properties and help reduce mosquito breeding habitat in our neighborhoods. Mosquitoes can carry diseases like West Nile Virus that can be transmitted to humans. By reducing mosquito breeding habitat, like tires, it reduces the chance of transmitting disease.

The tire collection is a great outreach and educational event for our mosquito-borne disease control program. We offer information on ticks and mosquitoes and emphasize the importance of personal protection while enjoying the outdoors. This year, we offered free insect repellent for participants, through very generous donations from Sawyer and Murphy's Naturals. Sawyer offers different insect repellents, and we were able to offer Picaridin samples to our participants. Murphy's Naturals offers natural mosquito repellents and donated samples of lemon eucalyptus oil for our event. We thank them both for the generous donations and the samples were a big hit!



We also offered tick kits, mosquito dunks (for mosquito larvae), activity books for kids, and other information on mosquitoes and ticks.



This year, we again worked with Liberty Tire. Liberty tire recycles tires to be made into reusable products like rubber mulch, rubberized asphalt, and other materials.



We would like to give a huge thank you to all the hard work of our volunteers! They braved the cold weather and wrangled dirty, heavy, wet, tires from vehicles into the Liberty Tire trailer. We had the help of PA Master Naturalists (Sarah and Melissa), BCCD staff and board members, friends, and family. The volunteers make the event possible, thank you for all your hard work!

Thank you to all who participated in making the 2026 tire collection a great success and helping to reduce mosquito populations in Beaver County!



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