

**STREETS DEPARTMENT
SANITATION DIVISION**

2017 TIRE ROUND-UP PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who can register in the Tire Round-Up Program?

- Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee (PMBC) Organized Block Clubs
- Certified Partnership Recycling Groups
- Friends of the Park
- Organized Community/Civic Groups
- Neighborhood NACs
- Town Watch Organizations
- Other certified organized groups throughout the City of Philadelphia

How can I register for the Tire Round-Up Program?

To participate in the program, please call the Philadelphia More Beautiful Committee (PMBC) at 215-685-3981. An Agreement form will be mailed to each participant and it must be completed and returned to the Streets Department. Once the completed form is received by the Streets Department, an ID # letter will be mailed out for participation in the program.

Is there a registration deadline?

The deadline to register for the program is Friday, July 7, 2017 by the close of business. The deadline to return the agreement form to participate is Friday, July 14, 2017.

When does the program begin?

The 2017 Tire Round-Up Program kicks off on Saturday, July 22, 2017.

How much do I get paid?

Each participant is paid a "tire bounty" of \$.50 per tire. Reimbursement is limited to \$500.00 (1,000 tires) for each registered ID#.

Where can I drop off my tires?

There are temporary drop off sites scheduled for each Sanitation Area according to the PMBC cleaning schedule. Participating groups are not limited to the drop off site in their area. They can take tires to any of the drop off sites around the city.

What are the benefits of participating in the Tire Round-Up Program?

- Opportunity for block clubs and community groups to raise funds and at the same time participate in neighborhood clean-ups and beautification projects. Registered participants are offered a "tire bounty" of \$.50 for each *illegally discarded* tire they collect and drop off at any of the designated sites around the city.
- Piles of tires pose both a fire and health risk, as they are highly combustible and provide breeding grounds for rodents and mosquitoes. By collecting illegally discarded tires and properly disposing of them, participants help to eliminate the health risk and reduce the amount of materials that contribute to the deteriorating conditions of our inner city neighborhoods.

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- Tires filled with standing water provide an ideal breeding ground for mosquitoes carrying various diseases including the West Nile Virus (WNV). Tires fill with water and continuously absorb sunlight, an ideal environment for hatched mosquito larvae.

I'm not sure of my ID#. Can I still drop off my tires?

Yes. We will take as much identifying information as possible at the site. Reimbursement cannot be guaranteed unless we can correctly find and verify the ID#.

I have 2, 3, 4, or 5 tires in my garage. I don't want any money for them. Can I drop them off?

Yes. To keep tires from being illegally discarded, we will accept a small amount of tires from citizens not registered for the program. These tires are not eligible for reimbursement. Also, please note that up to four (4) tires may be brought to one of the Streets Department's Sanitation Convenience Centers.

Can I donate tires from my car repair shop?

No. We can only accept illegally discarded tires found on city streets, sidewalks, parks, alleys, and riverbanks. Tires from locations required to pay a fee for private disposal are not eligible for the drop-off program. Examples of these locations are auto repair shops, car dealers, mechanic shops, and private storage lots.

Groups who drop off ineligible tires will not be paid and will be disqualified from further participation in the program.

I missed the registration date and was unable to register for the Tire Round-Up Program. I have about twenty tires in a lot near me. Can you come and get them?

The Tire Round-Up Program is a partnership between the city and volunteer groups. A requirement of that partnership is that registered groups bring their tires to the drop off site.

Where to report illegally discarded tires?

To report illegally discarded tires please contact 3-1-1.