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Galion Community Clean Up Day is May 18

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Community cleanup programs such as those conducted in Galion, can improve neighborhood health. Large amounts of trash abandoned buildings and cars, and other waste can become breeding grounds for rodents and insects, cause pollution, and create unsanitary conditions that encourage the development of health problems and diseases. Such an environment also makes it difficult for children to find a safe place to play and increases stress for everyone who lives in it. Cleaning it up can provide real and immediate health benefits to neighborhood residents, as well as helping them think about the possibility of neighborhood wellness.

Community cleanup programs can instill neighborhood pride. A neighborhood that looks good, that's free of trash and clutter, and that allows children to play without fear of being injured by debris or contracting parasites or diseases from rotting waste is one that residents and businesses can be proud of. If they've made the neighborhood that way, they can take pride in themselves and their abilities as well. Furthermore, a cleanup encourages residents to take ownership of the neighborhood and keep it clean and healthy.

Scrap tires lying around a property not only look bad, but they can pose a health and safety risk by acting as breeding grounds for mosquitoes and vermin. If left in the environment for long periods of time, abandoned tires can leach toxic chemicals, such as zinc, heavy metals, vulcanization and rubber chemicals into ground and surface waters. Landfills charge for tire disposal. Dumping scrap tires over the hillside or on the side of the road is illegal and harmful to the environment. "Many citizens are unaware that there are free and legal options for residents of Galion to dispose of scrap tires. The Galion City Health Department, through Ohio EPA funding, has been able to offer FREE tire disposal events over the last few years. We are happy to be able to collaborate with the City Clean Up Day, and once again reduce potential mosquito breeding sites." Health Commissioner Trish Factor said.

The City of Galion will be holding the **2019 Community Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 18**. Please read carefully for details.

From 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., there will be dumpsters set up in the parking lot across from the Galion Fire Department on Liberty Street.

Galion residents may dispose of:

- Household trash
- Mattresses and/or Box Springs – limit of 4 items per vehicle
- Tires – limit of 10 tires per vehicle; MUST remove rims

The drop-off site is available only to Galion residents and driver's licenses will be checked.

Materials NOT accepted include: hazardous waste, appliances, electronics, and construction waste. Yard waste will also NOT be accepted at this site. It may be taken to the Taylor Road Composting Facility, 545 Taylor Road, on Friday, May 17, and Saturday, May 18, from 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Please note there will NOT be a curbside pickup offered. Residents will need to haul material to the drop-off site and should be prepared to unload their own vehicle (but assistance will be available to the elderly and disabled).

For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact the City of Galion at 419-468-1857. The 2019 Community Clean Up Day is funded in part by the Galion City Health Department through an Ohio EPA grant.

