

## THE SOLUTION

### Dispose **LEGALLY**

- Please call your local city or county for information on how to properly dispose your tires.
- Extend the life of your tires.
- Recycle your tires at tire shop when purchasing new tires.
- Report illegal dumping of tires.
- Join the "Road to Recycling" and provide a safe and cleaner environment for all citizens of the Rio Grande Valley.

## Regional Collaboration Effort

*To help address this issue the Counties of Cameron, Hidalgo & Willacy and Cities throughout the Region have partnered with the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council to bring the "Road to Recycling" Project .*

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## ROAD TO RECYCLING



**Illegally dumped tires** is a huge problem for the entire **Lower Rio Grande Valley**, but together we can all join the "Road to Recycling" and Provide a **safer** and **cleaner** environment.



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## Economic Development

- The Issue of Illegal Dumping of Tires is a huge problem for the entire Lower Rio Grande Valley. It decreases the quality of life in all of our communities and impacts tourism and our growing economy.
- 2015 TCEQ statistics identified six unauthorized sites in the LRGV Region with approximately 1 to 2 million illegally dumped tires.
- The LRGV is one of the fastest growing Region's in the State. The LRGV has a very beautiful diverse landscape that includes beaches, ports, ranches agriculture and vibrant cities that reflect a growing economy. It is our duty to protect this economy.

## Hazards to Waterways

- Illegal dumping of tires causes hazards in waterways producing flooding, and threatening infrastructure and housing.
- During Hurricane Dolly in 2008 extensive rainfall caused major flooding in our region. Numerous streams, irrigation canals, lakes and other low areas will flood even more if obstructed by illegally dumped tires.
- Entities such as Cities, Counties, Irrigation & Drainage districts spend thousands of dollars each year disposing of illegally dumped tires.

## Health Hazards

- Tires serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes. The insects can breed 100 times faster than normal in the warm stagnant water which collects inside the tires. This can result in harmful viruses, such as West Nile and Zika. Some of the preventative measures that are recommended are to empty or get rid of cans, buckets, old tires, pots, plant saucers and other containers that hold water.
- It only takes a bottle cap of water for mosquitoes to breed, imagine what could happen in standing water collected inside 40,000 illegally dumped tires.

## Fire Hazards

- Tires represent a serious environmental concern on several fronts.
- Part of the risk lies with their chemical makeup.
- Burning tires is extremely hazardous, the chemicals released are life threatening.
- Toxins released from tire decomposition, incineration or accidental fires can pollute the water, air and soil.

