



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Patty Ritchie

Following the Discovery of Eee, Ritchie Reminds Residents of Waste Tire Drop Off on August 15th

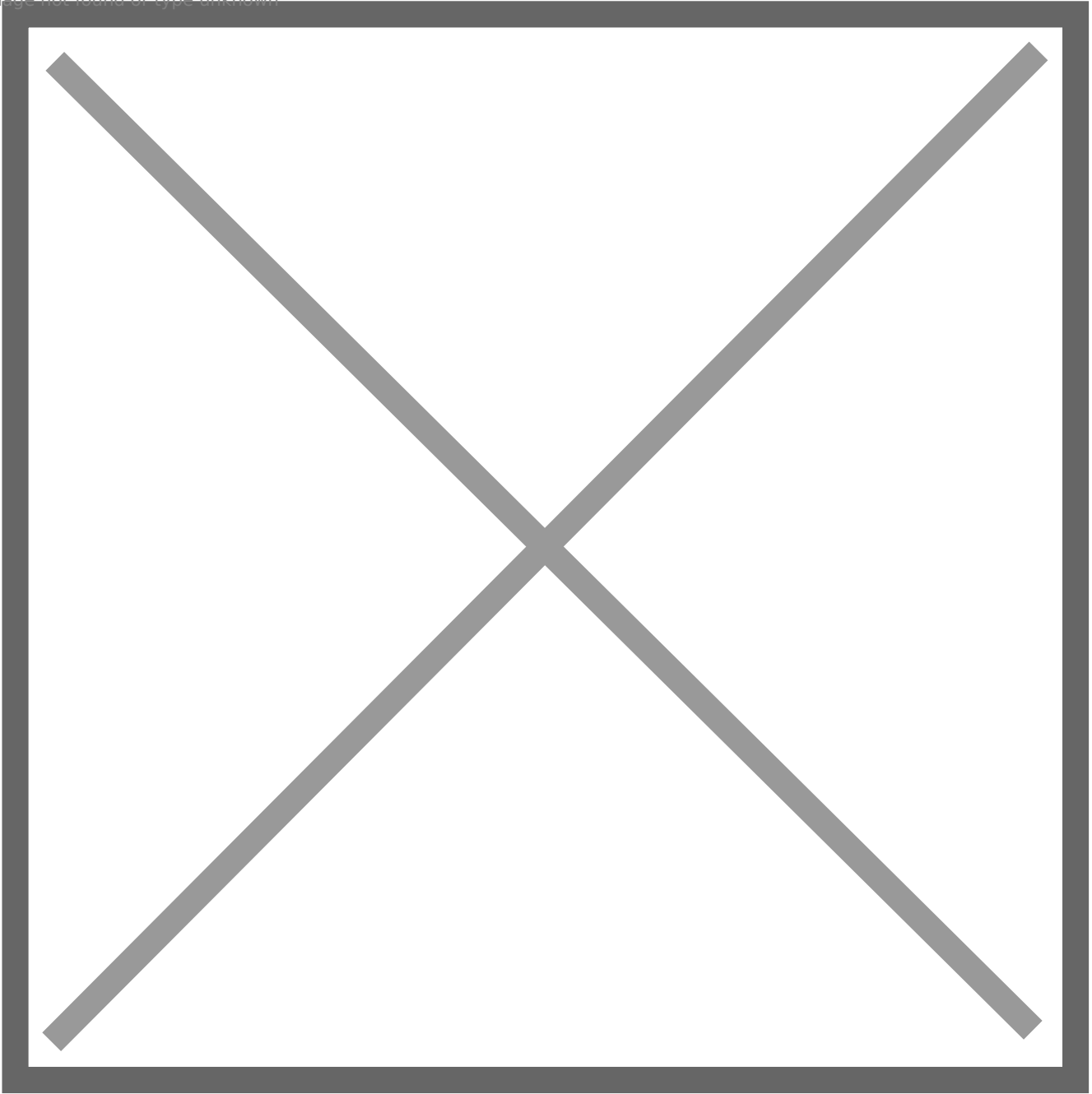
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Free Event Aimed at Stopping Spread of Mosquito Borne Diseases

In light of this week's discovery of the mosquito borne EEE virus, State Senator Patty Ritchie is reminding Oswego County residents to dispose of waste tires at her free drop off events taking place on Saturday August 15th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

The free disposal events are part of a continuing effort by Senator Ritchie and local community leaders to not only clean up our region, but also to stop the spread of mosquito borne diseases like EEE and West Nile, as it's estimated that one single

waste tire can act as breeding ground for one million mosquitoes. In recent years, residents in Central and Northern New York have eliminated more than 35,000 waste tires through Senator Ritchie's free drop off events.

"This week's news of the discovery of EEE in Oswego County served as a reminder that we can never let our guard down when it comes to 'fighting the bite,'" said Senator Ritchie.

"I'm hopeful that residents across Oswego County will take time this week to collect waste tires and dispose of them on August 15th at my free drop off events. Together, our efforts can go a long way towards protecting the people of our region from deadly diseases."

Residents may dispose of up to eight tires at the events, with the usual disposal fee being waived at the following locations from 8:00 a.m. to noon:

- Bristol Hill Landfill, 3125 NYS Rte. 3
- Hannibal Transfer Station, 1167 Co. Rte. 7
- Hastings Transfer Station, 1391 US Rte. 11
- Pulaski Transfer Station, 100 Co. Rte. 2A
- Oswego Transfer Station, 700 East Seneca St.

Please note that tractor tires will be accepted but must be cut into quarters.

Disposal events are being hosted in conjunction with the Oswego County Department of Solid Waste and are being made possible through special grants Senator Ritchie secured in the State Budget to help "Fight the Bite" and prevent diseases carried by mosquitoes. In recent years, Senator Ritchie has worked to deliver more than a half million dollars in State Budget funding to help fight EEE and raise awareness of the dangers posed by mosquitoes.