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Commonwealth Cleanup Week Set for March 20-26 *State gets a 'spring cleaning' before travel season kicks into high gear*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (March 8, 2011) – Thousands of volunteers are set to fill trash bags and pick up old tires in locations across Kentucky March 20-26 during the 13th Commonwealth Cleanup Week.

Kentucky Energy and Environment Secretary Len Peters said the annual cleaning spree is possible only with the help of Kentucky's citizens. "Last year, more than 1,200 people picked up 6,053 bags of trash and 1,484 tires along 577 miles of roadway. In addition, these same volunteers cleaned 11 illegal dumps. You can multiply these results by 13 years of doing the program and visualize the impact the designated cleanup week has had on our state.

"The timing of this initiative also helps prepare our state for visitors and tourists who make Kentucky their travel destination during the spring and summer months," said Peters.

The week-long annual event is coordinated by the Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Waste Management. The division receives support from Keep America Beautiful, Bluegrass PRIDE and other state and local government agencies.

Nonprofit groups that register with their county solid waste coordinator and complete a cleanup project during Commonwealth Cleanup Week are eligible to win one of six \$100 cash prizes in a random drawing. Visit the Division of Waste Management's website --<http://waste.ky.gov/RLA/Pages/CCW.aspx> -- for more information and a listing of county solid waste coordinators in Kentucky.

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