

# Managing SCRAP TIRES

## What Retailers Should Know

*In Ohio, new and used tire retailers are legally responsible for proper storage and disposal of scrap tires.*

Proper storage (see back of this card) protects public health, minimizes fire hazards and helps to ensure that the scrap tires do not create a nuisance.

When disposing of scrap tires, generators must use a registered transporter and maintain shipping papers, which track scrap tires from retail and other locations to a licensed recovery or disposal facility. Use of an unregistered transporter is illegal even if you aren't charged for the service.

When a transporter picks up scrap tires at your business, you must certify that you followed required mosquito control measures and record the number of tires being shipped. This shipping certification documents that you used a registered transporter and followed proper storage requirements. Keep copies of each shipping paper on file for at least three years.



Illegally transporting or disposing of scrap tires could cost you \$10,000 to \$25,000 or up to four years in prison. As a scrap tire generator, you remain liable for any costs associated with illegal dumping of tires obtained at your facility.



## Measures that must be employed by retailers and other businesses that store scrap tires.

STORAGE REQUIREMENT	PILES	PORTABLE CONTAINERS
Kept dry	Yes	Yes
Mosquito control	Yes, if outdoors	Not applicable
Kept at least 50 feet from all possible sources of ignition (e.g. heating device, open flame, cutting equipment).	Yes	Yes
Clearance of at least 3 feet from sprinklers, roof structures, duct furnaces, and unit heaters	Yes, if indoors	Not applicable
Firebreaks of at least 8 feet	Yes	Yes
Stored in piles not larger than 2,500 square feet in basal area.	Yes	Not applicable
Piles not higher than 8 feet	Yes	Not applicable
Distance from buildings	25 feet if less than 500 tires  56 feet if more than 500 tires	15 feet if structure owned by business  25 feet if structure not owned by business (roll-off box)  56 feet if structure not owned by business (trailer)



Ohio generates approximately 12 million scrap tires each year. And, each year, Ohio EPA contractors remove and dispose of approximately 100,000 illegally dumped scrap tires.

Proper scrap tire management is everyone's responsibility. If you suspect illegal scrap tire storage, transportation or dumping, please contact your local health department, law enforcement or Ohio EPA at 1-877-372-2621.

### Montgomery County Environmental Crimes

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(937) 225-HELP



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