

# **GUIDANCE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT WASTE TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAM**



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The following has been prepared by the Department as a guide to assist counties/municipalities, or regional solid waste authorities in meeting the requirements set forth in the Waste Tire Law.

### **I. WHAT DOES THE LAW REQUIRE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS?**

**Section 17-17-409, Mississippi Code, Annotated. Powers and duties of counties, regional solid waste management authorities or municipalities regarding waste tire collection, processing, and disposal.**

Each county, regional solid waste management authority or municipality, as the case may be, shall as part of its local nonhazardous solid waste management plan as required by law, plan and provide an adequate number of waste tire collection sites within its jurisdiction, for the deposit of waste tires from small quantity waste tire generators and shall ensure the delivery of these tires on an adequate frequency to an authorized waste tire processing/disposal facility operated by the county, regional solid waste authority or private entity. Counties may establish, own, and/or operate a waste collection site or sites or may enter into leases or other contractual arrangements with other counties or private entities for the operation of waste tire collection sites for small quantity generators. The Department encourages local governments to seek companies or persons that will recycle waste tires generated through the local collection programs. Nothing in this section shall prevent a county or regional solid waste authority from providing a more expansive waste tire management service.

### **II. WHO ARE CONSIDERED SMALL QUANTITY TIRE SOURCES THAT MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT-FUNDED COLLECTION PROGRAM?**

- A. Private citizens/homeowners not engaged in the retail tire business and who generate less than 25 tires per year;
- B. Local governmental agencies such as the county, city, school district, sheriff's office and other public organizations;
- C. Small businesses such as farms, mechanic shops, delivery services, recycling outlets and others who generate less than 10 waste tires per week;
- D. Clean-ups by landowners who have been illegally dumped upon, community beautification and not-for-profit group clean-ups, collection days in conjunction with household hazardous waste collection days, county or city clean-ups of roadside tire dumps, and other area clean-ups where the illegally dumped tires generally number 100 or fewer. (NOTE: larger piles are eligible for clean-up in the State's abatement program)

### **III. WHAT ARE SOME VARIATIONS OF DIFFERENT TIRE COLLECTION PROGRAMS THAT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY CONSIDER?**

- A. Fixed collection site(s) - where generators may deposit tires. Generally these sites should be located adjacent to or on the property of a facility where other solid wastes are managed such as a dumpster location, transfer station, rubbish disposal site, or municipal solid waste landfill. The sites should also be easily accessible for the general public and for large collection vehicles retrieving the tires.

(NOTE: Collection sites(s) should be developed and maintained in a manner that would prevent waste tires from being contaminated with dirt, mud, rocks, etc.)

- B. Mobile collection unit - where a mobile trailer or other unit is moved between different fixed locations of the county or city to provide all residents an equal opportunity to dispose of their tires through the program. Generally, the collection unit may be stationed at one fixed location as previously described, throughout much of the year.
- C. Waste tire collection days (generally for smaller communities) - where tires are collected at a location and on a date that is publicly advertised, perhaps in conjunction with another collection day for household hazardous wastes or other wastes. This type of program could be conducted perhaps quarterly or semi-annually depending upon the need. You could also coordinate local clean-up projects around this collection day.
- D. Any combination of the above described programs or any other innovative programs that the local government may develop. Such programs might involve public/private partnership with local waste service companies.

### **IV. WHAT ARE SOME ELIGIBLE PROGRAM COSTS FOR GRANT FUNDING?**

The Department may consider funding certain costs associated with the project, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. Site Development
  - a. Construction costs – (generally limited to concrete pad and fencing, other construction must be pre-approved by MDEQ)
  - b. Trailer/Storage Unit costs
- 2. Site Operations
  - a. Administrative costs – recommended limit not to exceed 5% of total grant amount request
  - b. Personnel costs
  - c. Transportation costs
  - d. Contractual costs of tire removal/disposal – (the Department encourages local governments to contract with persons or companies who will recycle the tires).

3. Public Information
  - a. Advertising/public notice costs
  - b. Other costs
  
4. Clean-Up of Tire Dump Sites
  - a. Personnel costs
  - b. Transportation costs
  - c. Contractual costs of tire removal/disposal

**V. HOW DOES A LOCAL GOVERNMENT REQUEST WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT GRANT FUNDING?**

- A. Grant funding requests should be made on application forms provided by the Department and should include the following information:
  1. A detailed description of the proposed local collection program including the proposed location of the collection site(s), (separate authorization from the Department is required for the collection sites.)
  2. A breakdown of how the requested funds will be spent,
  3. Justification for the amount of funds requested, based on the population of the service area or the number of tires sold in the service area and the number of years previously awarded,
  4. Documentation of compliance with the local solid waste management plan and with applicable requirements of the grants regulations.
  
- B. Upon request, the Department will provide assistance to any county, municipality or regional solid waste authority in completion of a waste tire grant application.

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