

This brochure is intended to provide information to tire retailers, retreaders, salvage yard dealers, transportation companies and other waste tire generators regarding the proper management and disposal of waste tires in the State of Mississippi.



New/Used Tire Sales

Retailers of new and used tires should be aware of the requirements in state law regarding the sale of new/used tires and the disposal of waste tires. State law requires that any new or used tire retailer must accept from a customer at the point of sale, used or waste tires in a quantity at least equal to the number of new or reusable tires purchased (if offered by the customer). Retailers may assess a disposal fee on each tire sold. However, this disposal fee imposed on the consumer may not exceed the actual costs of disposal of the waste tire. Disposal fees may not be used as a means of discouraging customers from leaving waste tires with the retailer and may not be assessed for commercial gain on the part of the retailer. Under state law, the disposal costs for waste tires imposed by the retailer must be uniformly charged on every customer and may not be waived even if the customer chooses to take the waste tires with them.

State law now requires that any person in the business of selling new tires at **wholesale** in the state shall collect a fee at the rate of \$1.00 for each new tire sold with a rim diameter of less than 24 inches and \$2.00 for each new tire sold with a rim diameter of 24 inches or greater.

However, retailers purchasing new tires from an out of state wholesaler will be required to pay the tire fee directly to the State Tax Commission, if the tire fee is not paid by the out of state wholesaler. The fees must be remitted monthly by the wholesaler or retailer to the State Tax Commission. The fees are utilized to fund the provisions of the Mississippi waste tire laws and regulations.



Storage of Waste Tires

Tire retailers and other waste tire generators may store up to 500 waste tires at one time or 100 waste tires for up to 90 days without obtaining authorization for a waste tire collection site from the MDEQ. Tires stored on site must be stored free of weeds and vegetation, free of standing water, away from potential combustion sources and in a manner otherwise protective of human health and the environment. Waste tires may not be burned or placed for storage or disposal at any unauthorized location.



Transportation and Disposal of Waste Tires

It is unlawful for a tire retailer or other waste tire generator to provide waste tires to any person who does not possess a valid and current waste tire hauler identification number from the MDEQ. Any person who hauls 50 or more whole or cut waste tires at a time or who hauls any amount of whole or cut waste tires for compensation should register for and receive a

waste tire hauler identification number from the MDEQ. These haulers are required to carry a copy of a valid and current certificate issued by the MDEQ on each vehicle that they use to transport tires. This certificate identifies the person's waste tire hauler identification number and has an annual expiration date. In addition, any person who transports more than 5 waste tires at a time must use a triplicate certification form provided by MDEQ to track the proper transportation and disposal of these tires. These forms are provided to certified haulers and to permitted processing and disposal facilities. The hauler or the disposal facility should provide the generator with a copy from the triplicate form for their records. These records may be inspected by MDEQ at any time during normal business hours. Failure on the part of the generator, hauler, or processor to maintain these records is a violation of State law.

All haulers are required to transport the waste tires to a collection, processing, and/or recycling facility or other site authorized by the MDEQ. Alternative sites where tires are used for erosion control, agricultural uses, or other projects must have written approval from MDEQ before tires can be transported to these sites.

Furthermore, when a hauler collects a load containing both waste and re-usable tires, then the entire load is considered to be waste tires, until the reusable or resalable tires are separated and removed from the waste tires and are designated and properly stored for resale or recap. Retailers and other waste tire generators must insure that haulers, even those that possess an identification number from the MDEQ, are hauling their waste tires to an authorized collection or recycling facility.



Small Quantity Generator Waste Tires

Another disposal option may be available to private citizens or owners of smaller businesses that generate less than 10 waste tires per week. Each county is required by Mississippi law to develop a local waste tire collection program for the deposit of waste tires from private citizens and other small quantity generators such as farms, small salvage yards and other small businesses. County governments have developed these collection programs to provide suitable collection sites and satellite drop off centers around their county for management of waste tires from private citizens and other small quantity generators. Most counties have received a waste tire grant award from the MDEQ to offset the costs of managing this program. Consequently, for those eligible persons there should be no cost for leaving the waste tires at collection sites in those counties. The waste tire collection sites are available in all counties for use by residents to deposit waste car and truck tires and agricultural tires from trucks, trailers, tractors, and other farm implement equipment. These local collection centers generally may accept tires from the following sources:

- private citizens and homeowners not engaged in the retail tire business and who generate less than 25 tires per year;
- governmental agencies such as the county, city, school district, sheriff's office and other public organizations;
- small businesses and other entities such as farms, mechanic shops, delivery services,

salvage yards, recycling outlets and other who generate a total of less than 10 waste tires per week; or

- 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 where the illegally dumped tires number 500 or less. (Note: Larger piles may be eligible for clean-up through the state's waste tire abatement program)

Small quantity generators should contact their local county officials or the MDEQ for the location of the nearest waste tire collection center.



Mississippi Waste Tire Hauling, Collection, Processing and Recycling Businesses

To obtain a list of certified waste tire haulers and permitted waste tire collection and recycling facilities in Mississippi, please visit MDEQ's Waste Tire Information Webpage. To access the webpage, go to:

<http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/waste-tire>

Or contact the Waste Tire Management Program at (601) 961-5171.

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