Scrap Tire Stockpiles and Landfills

- Scrap tire stockpiles may become breeding sites for mosquitoes and home to other pests. They are a potential fire hazard and can contaminate surface water runoff.
- In March 1990, North Carolina banned scrap tires from disposal in landfills.
- Scrap tires disposed of in landfills will not decompose for many years and tend to rise through the landfill to the surface damaging the protective cover.

To Help Prevent Pollution

- Encourage customers to maintain proper air pressure in tires, to periodically rotate and balance tires, and to periodically check front end alignment.
- Prevent unnecessary tire changeouts. Educate employees and customers as to the techniques for determining the reasons tires should be replaced.
- Seek opportunities to reuse or retread discarded tires.
- Recycle scrap tires. Whole scrap tires can be used for retaining walls, dock buffers, or playground equipment. Tires can be processed for door and gymnasium mats or used for erosion control.
- Counties may accept scrap tires from other counties but not from out of state.

The Wrong Things to Do

- Do not commingling whole scrap tires with regular waste that will be landfilled.
- Do not illegally dump scrap tires.
- Do not stockpile scrap tires long enough for mosquitoes to breed.
- Do not give scrap tires back to car owners unless requested. While this practice is not illegal, the scrap tires could be wrongfully disposed.

Hauling Scrap Tires

- Use only a registered scrap tire hauler to transport your tires to scrap tire collection sites and/or scrap tire processors and retread companies.
- If you use a hauler to pick up your scrap tires, you must complete a Scrap Tire Certification Form (attached). Call the scrap tire collection site to verify arrival of your scrap tires.
- If you haul your own scrap tires, take them to scrap tire collection sites permitted by the state. Each county in North Carolina is required to have at least one scrap tire collection site, and there are several processing plants that have permits to operate.

Applicable Laws

- Since October 1993, North Carolina has imposed a 2-percent tax on all tires sold with a bead diameter of less than 20 inches and a 1-percent tax on tires with a bead diameter of 20 inches or greater.
- All persons involved in the disposal of scrap tires must complete and sign a Scrap Tire Certification Form, which is accessible on our website or available at the local landfill.
  1. Part I is filled out by the person who has generated the scrap tires.
  2. Part II is filled out by the certified hauler or retailer.
  3. Part III is filled out and retained by the receiver of the scrap tires.
- No person shall discard, deposit, or dispose of a scrap tire except at a site or facility permitted to receive scrap tires. It is the legal responsibility of the scrap tire generator to ensure that a certified hauler or a retailer disposes of the scrap tires at a permitted facility. The facility should be specified when the generator fills out Part I of the Scrap Tire Certification Form.
- Prevention of a nuisance: A maximum of 500 scrap tires may be stored on the premises of a retail business where tires are sold and/or removed.
- When scrap tires are hauled from the generator, count the number of scrap tires and enter that number under Part I of the Scrap Tire Certification Form. Do not leave the number blank as additional scrap tires could be added to your load and disposed of under your name.
- Commercial scrap tire haulers must be registered by the Division of Waste Management - Solid Waste Section and obtain a hauler's ID Number.
- Tire retailers who haul only their scrap tires generated in the normal course of business are not required to obtain a hauler's permit. The retailer’s state sales tax number serves as the ID number.
- Visit our website for more information: https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/waste-management/solid-waste-section
§ 130A-309.58. Disposal of scrap tires.
(f) Every tire retailer or other person disposing of scrap tires shall complete and sign a certification form prescribed by the Department and distributed to each county, certifying that the tires were collected in the normal course of business for disposal, the county in which the tires were collected, and the number of tires to be disposed of. This form also shall be completed and signed by the tire hauler, certifying that the load contains the same tires that were received from the tire retailer or other person disposing of scrap tires. The tire hauler shall present this certification form to the tire processor or tire collector at the time of delivery of the scrap tires for disposal, collection, or processing. Copies of these certification forms shall be retained for a minimum of three years after the date of delivery of the scrap tires.

§ 130A-309.59. Registration of tire haulers.
(a) Before engaging in the hauling of scrap tires in this State, any tire hauler must register with the Department whereupon the Department shall issue to the tire hauler a scrap tire hauling identification number. A tire retailer licensed under G.S. 105-164.29 and solely engaged in the hauling of scrap tires received by it in connection with the retail sale of replacement tires is not required to register under this section.
(b) Each tire hauler shall furnish its hauling identification number on all certification forms required under G.S. 130A-309.58(f). Any tire retailer engaged in the hauling of scrap tires and not required by subsection (a) of this section to be registered shall supply its merchant identification number on all certification forms required by G.S. 130A-309.58(f).

§ 130A-309.62. Fines and penalties.
Any person who knowingly hauls or disposes of a tire in violation of this Part or the rules adopted pursuant to this Part shall be assessed a civil penalty of fifty dollars ($50.00) per violation. Each tire hauled or disposed of in violation of this Part or rules adopted pursuant to this Part constitutes a separate violation.
A county may conduct inspection of a tire retailer or other person to verify that a scrap tire originated in North Carolina in the normal course of business. A scrap tire that did not originate in North Carolina does not qualify for free disposal. A used tire retailer or other person that sorts scrap tires removed from vehicles by a North Carolina retailer or other person within the state must provide to the scrap tire hauler, collector, processor or disposer the original scrap tire certification form from the retailer or other person that first removed the scrap tire from the vehicle. Scrap tires stockpiled before January 1, 1994 are not eligible for free disposal. This form shall be retained by the collector, processor, or disposer for a minimum of three years.

As stated in NCGS 130A-22, a person who violates rules adopted by the Commission pursuant to Article 9 is subject to an administrative penalty of up to $15,000 per day and, as stated in NCGS 130A-26.2, falsifying information on this form is a Class 2 misdemeanor subject to a $10,000 fine.

Part 1: to be completed by the North Carolina tire retailer or other person generating scrap tires within the state

Business name of tire retailer or name of other person within the state: ____________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________ Number of scrap tires collected for disposal: __________________________
Scrap tires collected from (month, day, year): _______________________ to (month, day, year): ________________________
County in which the scrap tires were collected: _________________________________________________________________

• Number of scrap tires removed from vehicles when replacement tires were sold in North Carolina: __________
• Number of scrap tires removed from vehicles that were repaired due to an accident or junked in North Carolina: __________
• Number of scrap tires removed from fleet vehicles in North Carolina: __________
• Number of scrap tires collected by means other than “the normal course of business for disposal” [cleanup projects, pre-1994 stockpiles, etc.]: __________
  disposal fee paid: __________ disposal fee waived by County: __________
• Number of scrap tires that originated outside of North Carolina: __________, disposal fee paid: __________ disposal fee waived by County: __________

Certification that the scrap tires originated in North Carolina in the normal course of business for disposal:
Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Part 2: to be completed by the scrap tire hauler

Name of scrap tire hauler: ______________________________ Scrap tire hauler company name: __________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________ Scrap tire hauler vehicle license plate number and state: ____________
Number of scrap tires received for disposal (same number as listed in Part 1 unless usable tires were removed): __________
Scrap tire hauler identification number: _______________ or Merchant identification number: _______________

Certification that the load contains the same scrap tires received from the tire retailer or other person, as specified in Part 1:
Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Part 3: to be completed by the scrap tire collector, processor, or disposer

Local government or business collector, processor, or disposer name: ____________________________________________
Number of scrap tires accepted for free disposal: ______________ Number of scrap tires charged for disposal: ______________
Signature: ___________________________________________________________________________________________ Date: ______________________________

Parts 1 and 2 must be completed in full to receive consideration for free scrap tire disposal. Original signatures are required.
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality  
Division of Waste Management – Solid Waste Section

Scrap Tire Certification Form

Instructions

Part 1:
• Is to be filled out in its entirety by the tire retailer or other person that generated the scrap tires.
• Shall contain an original signature.
• Only the scrap tire generator shall fill in the information.

Part 2:
• Ensure Part 1 is filled out correctly and contains an original signature.
• Is to be filled out in its entirety by the scrap tire hauler.
• Ensure the scrap tire hauler identification number is listed.
• A tire retailer may use its merchant identification number in place of a scrap tire hauler identification number if it solely hauls scrap tires received by it in connection with the retail sale of replacement tires.
• Only scrap tires received from the tire retailer or other person that generated the scrap tires, as specified in Part 1, shall be included in the load. Do not add additional scrap tires to the load. If you remove usable tires, enter the lower number of scrap tires received.
• Shall contain an original signature.
• Only the scrap tire hauler shall fill in the information.

Part 3:
• Ensure Part 2 is filled out correctly and contains an original signature.
• Is to be filled out by the scrap tire collector, processor, or disposer.
• Shall contain an original signature.
• Only the scrap tire collector, processor, or disposer shall fill in the information.
• The scrap tire certification form shall be retained for a minimum of three years.

Additional Information

• A county is responsible for managing its scrap tire program, which may include: verification of scrap tire hauler identification certificates, verification of the information submitted on scrap tire certification forms, inspection of scrap tire haulers, inspection of tire retailers, inspection of scrap tire businesses, inspection of scrap tire stockpiles and dumps, and any other actions not prohibited by NCGS Chapter 130A – Article 9 Part 2B, “The Scrap Tire Disposal Act.”
• A county is responsible for the cleanup of scrap tires located within its boundaries.
• A county shall provide for the disposal of scrap tires brought to its collection site(s) and may choose to schedule optimal disposal times with large quantity scrap tire haulers.
• Scrap tires that originate within any county in North Carolina shall be considered for free disposal.
• A scrap tire disposal fee may be charged if the scrap tire does not qualify for free disposal or is not accompanied by a scrap tire certification form or a properly filled out scrap tire certification form.
• The fee for disposal of a scrap tire shall not exceed the cost of disposal.
• A scrap tire certification form is not required for up to five scrap tires brought for disposal by someone other than a scrap tire collector, scrap tire processor, or scrap tire hauler.