

## Requirements for Tire Haulers and Processors

- **Transportation** – If you transport more than 15 waste tires at any time in South Carolina, you must be registered as a waste tire hauler and must track the transport of waste tires using a tire manifest.
- **Storage** – In general, no one may store more than 120 waste tires without a permit. Some businesses are allowed a higher storage limit. For example, if you sell tires, you may store up to 1,000 waste tires at your location without a collection permit provided you manage them to prevent mosquitoes and other public health nuisances.
- **Recycling** – Anyone who processes (e.g., bale, shred) waste tires must have a permit.



For information about required DHEC waste tire registrations or permits, please visit [www.scdhec.gov/Environment/PermitCentral/ApplicationForms/](http://www.scdhec.gov/Environment/PermitCentral/ApplicationForms/). To view the waste tire regulation, visit [www.scdhec.gov/Agency/docs/lwm-regs/R61-107\\_3.pdf](http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/docs/lwm-regs/R61-107_3.pdf).

## Why am I paying a \$2 tire fee?

In South Carolina, we pay a \$2 fee on each new tire we buy. This fee is used to prevent the illegal dumping of waste tires, ensure waste tires are properly managed and recycled and encourage new uses for old tires. There are more than 4.5 million tires discarded in South Carolina each year. These tires can be recycled into rubberized playground surfaces, landscaping mulch, truck bed mats, tire-derived fuel, commercial flooring, rubberized asphalt and many other useful products.

### DHEC Contact Information



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## Do your part! Manage & Store Waste Tires Properly



Protect the health  
of your family and neighbors!

[www.scdhec.gov/wastetires](http://www.scdhec.gov/wastetires)



## Tires stored in unprotected areas outdoors collect water and provide excellent conditions for breeding of mosquitoes as well as creating potential fire hazards and unsightly nuisances.

### What can I do as a resident?

#### Recycle and report!

- **Leave it!** When you buy a new tire, leave your old one with the dealer. They'll make sure it is recycled.
- **Recycle it!** All counties have collection programs for residents that will accept tires (usually about five) at local recycling centers. For a location near you, please visit [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov) (and select "Where to Recycle Locally") or call **1-800-768-7348**.
- **Report it!** Tire dumping and unpermitted storage of waste tires should be reported. Contact your local litter control office or local DHEC office. Call PalmettoPride at **(877) 725-7733** to find your local litter control office. Contact information for your local DHEC office is provided on the back of this brochure. You can also visit [www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/DHECLocations/](http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/DHECLocations/) for a listing of DHEC offices.

### What should I do as a business? Store tires properly.

- **Keep them dry.** The best practice is to store tires so that they do not collect water. Help protect the health of your neighbors by using the following methods to keep tires dry:
  - **Store tires indoors;**
  - **Use enclosed trailers;**
  - **Place tarps on outdoor storage piles;** and
  - **Regularly transport tires for recycling.**
- **Inspect tires stored outdoors for water.** Check any water found for mosquito larvae. If you find larvae, empty water from the tires and store indoors or in another area protected from rainfall. Arrange to have them picked up and recycled as soon as possible. In some cases, it may be necessary to spray for mosquitoes until the tires are removed.
- **Use pesticides if necessary.** Always follow the directions on the label. If you have questions about either the chemicals or how to apply them, visit Clemson University's Department of Pesticide Regulation at [www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/pesticide\\_regulation/](http://www.clemson.edu/public/regulatory/pesticide_regulation/) or call **(864) 646-2150**.
- **Recycle waste tires.** Many counties have collection centers available to businesses. Call your local solid waste department to learn about collection policies in your area. Permitted tire recyclers will collect tires for recycling and registered waste tire haulers will deliver them to permitted locations. Visit [www.scdhec.gov/Environment/LW/SolidWaste/WasteTireHaulers/](http://www.scdhec.gov/Environment/LW/SolidWaste/WasteTireHaulers/) for a list of registered waste tire haulers.

**NOTE:** A "waste tire" is a whole tire that is no longer suitable for its originally intended purpose because of wear, damage or defect.

