

Funding

For each tire sold in South Carolina, the S.C. Department of Revenue (DOR) distributes \$1.44, less retailer rebates, to each county based upon population. The county must use the DOR funds for collecting, processing or recycling of waste tires. No portion of the waste tire fee can be used to place waste tires in a landfill as a method of final disposal.

Counties may receive Waste Tire Grant Funding from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) provided they exhaust their waste tire management funds. Grant applications are made available on an annual basis.

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COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WASTE TIRE MANAGEMENT

The S.C. Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991 (Act) requires county governments to manage waste tires. This technical assistance sheet is designed to assist local solid waste management officials in managing waste tires generated in their county.

Counties have responsibility under the Act for managing waste tires and are encouraged to work cooperatively with cities to manage waste tires collected from residents.

1. Tires from Retailers of New Tires

- a. Counties must designate at least one collection site that accepts tires from new tire retailers.
- b. Counties must accept U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) numbered waste tires without charge from new tire retailers provided the retailer is able to document payment of \$1.94 to the S.C. Department of Revenue (DOR). Documentation may be, but is not limited to, the S.C. tax form ST390. Counties are prohibited from imposing an additional fee on waste tires generated within the county.
- c. Counties that recycle the waste tires or ensure that the tires are recycled by an approved waste tire recycling and processing facility may use tire allocations received from DOR to cover their costs. Counties that do not receive adequate DOR allocations may request grant funding from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to cover their shortfall.
- 2. Tires from Automobile Dismantlers (AD) as part of the Waste Tire Grant
 - a. Counties will contact DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling to have dismantlers verified.
 - b. Counties may accept tires free of charge from verified dismantlers as outlined by county policy.
 - c. Dismantlers must remove tires from the rim and deliver them to the county. Other collection options may be negotiated but cannot be charged to the grant.
 - d. County will have tires recycled by an approved waste tire recycling and processing facility (see list on back).
 - e. Shortfall costs for recycling AD tires may be reimbursed through a DHEC Waste Tire Grant as requested and approved in writing.
 - f. Counties that do not receive waste tire grants may choose to accept AD tires free or at cost, according to county policy.

3. Waste Tires Accepted from Residents

- a. Counties are required to designate at least one site at which to accept tires from residents.
- b. Counties are prohibited from imposing an additional fee on DOT numbered waste tires generated within the county. Counties are encouraged to waive requirements for documentation of fee payment when accepting small quantities of tires.
- c. Counties will recycle the tires or have them recycled using an approved waste tire recycling and processing facility.
- d. Shortfall costs for recycling resident tires may be reimbursed through a DHEC Waste Tire Grant as requested and approved in writing.

4. Management of Illegally Dumped or Stockpiled Waste Tires

- a. Each county is required by law to participate in ongoing waste tire clean-up enforcement efforts.
- b. Counties should contact the local DHEC district office when they identify illegally dumped or stockpiled waste tires. DHEC can assist in identifying the responsible party.
- c. Cost for the removal of the illegally dumped or stockpiled tires should be borne by the responsible party.
- d. County policy may allow negotiated use of DOR tire allotment to assist property owner in management of waste tire stockpiles.
- e. Waste Tire Grant funding can be requested for stockpile remediation after appropriate compliance and enforcement efforts have been attempted, or as dictated by public health risks.

TIPPING FEES

Tipping fees may be charged for tires on which the fee has not been paid, including:

- tires larger than those requiring a U.S. DOT number, such as heavy equipment tires from farming, logging and mining operations;
- tires generated outside of South Carolina;
- fleet tires on which there is no documentation that a fee has been paid; and
- unsold tires manufactured in South Carolina on which no fee has been paid.

APPROVED WASTE TIRE RECYCLING & PROCESSING FACILITY LIST (As of January 24, 2013)

Pursuant to the S.C. Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991, S.C. Code Ann. § 44-96-170 (O) (2002), tire retailers may apply for a tax refund of \$1 per waste tire, which are delivered to a facility on this list. These facilities are permitted and/or approved by the State of South Carolina or the host state as waste tire recyclers/processors.

- ANDERSON TIRE RECYCLING, Anderson, SC (864) 502-8473
- CENTRAL CAROLINA TIRE DISPOSAL, Cameron, NC (919) 499-2301
- EMANUEL TIRE COMPANY, Baltimore, MD (410) 947-0660
- KILN DIRECT, INC., Sumter, SC (803) 506-4321
- ARGOS CEMENT, LLC, Harleyville, SC (843) 462-7651
- CEMEX, Clinchfield, GA (478) 988-2312
- RUBBER RECOVERY, INC. (dba VIVA RECYCLING), Moncks Corner, SC – (843) 761-7955

- RIDGE RECYCLERS, INC., Johnston, SC (803) 275-5111
- U.S. TIRE RECYCLING, INC., Concord, NC (800) 328-8473
- CASING, INC., Catskill, NY (518) 943-9404
- NORTHEAST GEORGIA TIRE RECYCLING, INC., Hartwell, GA – (706) 376-6342
- SC TIRE PROCESSING, LLC, Jackson, SC (803) 393-1001 or (803) 393-1098
- ORBIT SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS, LLC, Suwanee, GA (404) 931-3434



DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling Technical Assistance Sheets provide general information on environmental topics. The Office, however, is non-regulatory, and compliance questions should be addressed to DHEC's Division of Compliance and Enforcement at (803) 896-4136 or www.scdhec.gov/environment/wm/HTML/sw_compliance_enforcement.htm. Readers are encouraged to reproduce this material. For more information about solid waste issues, please call 1-800-768-7348 or visit www.scdhec.gov/recycle. Please send written correspondence to DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.