

# CHANGES TO GEORGIA'S SCRAP TIRE LAW:

## *What You Need to Know*

During the 2013 session of the Georgia General Assembly, the legislature passed House Bill 226, which included changes related to tire carrier responsibilities and tire storage requirements. These changes went into effect **APRIL 30, 2013**.

### NEW CARRIER REQUIREMENTS

Persons collecting or transporting scrap or used tires must have a tire carrier permit and display a decal on their vehicles, including trailers.

Tire carrier permits are not required for:

- Persons transporting tires collected as part of an organized cleanup
- Individuals transporting 10 or fewer tires (transporting more than 10 tires requires either a permit or proof of purchase)
- Companies, with appropriate documentation, transporting their own tires to a scrap tire processor or end user, or for proper disposal
- Tire retailers, with appropriate documentation, transporting their own tires
- Permitted waste haulers whose primary business is collecting municipal solid waste
- The United States, State of Georgia, counties, municipalities, and public authorities

Tire carriers and scrap tire processors must have a minimum \$10,000 surety bond.

### NEW STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Scrap tires must be stored in a locked enclosure or otherwise adequately secured to prevent unauthorized access, unless a waiver of this requirement is granted by the Environmental Protection Division (EPD).

No person may store more than 25 scrap tires, with the following exceptions:

- Tire retailers or publicly owned vehicle maintenance facilities can store up to 1,500 scrap tires
- Tire retreaders can store up to 3,000 scrap tires
- Licensed used motor vehicle parts dealers, registered secondary metals recyclers, and privately owned vehicle maintenance facilities that operate solely for the purpose of servicing a commercial vehicle fleet can store up to 500 scrap tires
- Farms can store or use for agricultural purposes up to 100 scrap tires, unless a waiver is granted by EPD

*Important: This is only a summary of the new requirements. If you have questions about the new or existing requirements for tires, contact the Georgia Environmental Protection Division at 404-363-7027.*