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## **Scrap Tire Q&A for Cities and Counties**

**Question:** Are city and county governments required to have carrier permits to transport scrap tires?

**Answer:** No. Local, state and federal governments are exempt from having a carrier permit.

**Question:** Are city and county governments required to have scrap tire generator identification numbers?

**Answer:** Yes. Cities and counties that generate scrap tires at their vehicle maintenance shops are required to secure an ID number from EPD.

**Question:** Are cities and counties required to pay the \$1.00 tire management fee when purchasing new tires?

**Answer:** Yes. There is no exemption for paying the tire fee.

**Question:** Can a city/county landfill accept whole tires for disposal?

**Answer:** No. As of December 31, 1994, landfilling whole tires is banned.

**Question:** Will a city/county landfill be allowed to accept waste materials such as steel, fibers, and rubber pieces from a tire processor?

**Answer:** Yes. A processor of tires will generate a certain amount of waste, which cannot be recycled or reused. Landfilling this type of waste is acceptable.

**Question:** Can a city/county landfill stockpile scrap tires, then periodically transport them to an end user or processor?

**Answer:**

- a) Yes. However, the landfill operator must secure a minor modification to its design and operational plan from EPD before starting such a program.
- b) The landfill operator will be required to sign Part III of the manifest when the landfill accepts the tires from a carrier for those tires which are not generated by the county. Then, when the county transports the stockpiled tires, the operator must initiate another manifest, which will be signed by the user or processor.
- c) The county must also initiate a manifest for those tires which are generated by the county by signing Part I as the generator and Part II as the transporter of the tires.

**Question:** Can my city/county receive a grant or be reimbursed to clean up illegal tire dumps?

**Answer:** Yes. The Act provides that grants or reimbursements may be used for this purpose.

**Question:** Since city and county governments are not required to have scrap tire carrier permits, will they be required to sign or initiate scrap tire manifests?

**Answer:** Yes. Scrap tires generated by the city/county and taken by the city/county to a processor or end user must be manifested with the city/county signing both parts I and II, and the processor/end user signing part III. If a county landfill accepts tires for storage or disposal, the landfill operator must sign Part III of the manifest as having received the tires.