

Scrap Tire Generator Responsibilities

*This document is a quick reference to the legal requirements for scrap tire generators in the State of Georgia.
Please keep or post in your place of business.*

STORAGE

No person may store more than 25 scrap tires, with the following exceptions, provided the scrap tires are secured in a locked enclosure, or otherwise adequately secured in a manner suitable to prevent unauthorized access:

- Permitted solid waste disposal sites may store more than 25 scrap tires if their permit authorizes storage of scrap tires (the storage limit will be set in the permit)
- Tire retailers and publicly owned vehicle maintenance facilities may store up to 1,500 scrap tires
- Tire retreaders may store up to 3,000 scrap tires, as long as they are the type the retreader is actively retreading
- Licensed used motor vehicle parts dealers that are registered with the Secretary of State's office, registered secondary metals recyclers, and privately owned vehicle maintenance facilities that operate solely for the purpose of servicing commercial vehicle fleets, may store up to 500 scrap tires
- Permitted scrap tire processors may store more than 25 scrap tires as long as the number in storage does not exceed the quantity approved by EPD in their permit
- Farms may store, or use for agricultural purposes, up to 100 scrap tires (EPD may grant a waiver to allow the storage or use of more than 100 scrap tires, if no threat is posed to human health or the environment)

EPD may grant a waiver for the enclosure requirement if it can be definitively shown to present a significant and unique economic hardship impairing the continued operation of the business.

Unless otherwise specified in an EPD-approved plan, all scrap tires must be stored in a manner that controls the breeding and harborage of mosquitoes, rodents and other vectors (e.g., under a roof, secured tarp, or other manner that prevents water accumulation). These pests and vectors must be controlled and generators must retain records of control methods (i.e., dates and amounts of chemical controls used).

Activities involving open flames and flammable materials (e.g., oil, gas, fuel) are not allowed within 25 feet of a scrap tire storage area, with the exception of maintenance activities involving torches and welding equipment, as long as a fireproof barrier is used. A 50-foot wide fire lane is required around the perimeter of each scrap tire pile.

Sorting of tires at the generator location, except by the generator, is prohibited.

TRANSPORTATION

- May transport their own tires without a tire carrier permit to a scrap tire processor, end user, or for proper disposal.
- May transport their own used tires without a tire carrier permit, if they have proof of purchase with receipt for the tires and a document verifying the origin, route, and destination of the tires.
- May not transport tires from other businesses unless they have an EPD tire carrier permit.
- Must use a tire manifest to track transportation of scrap tires from point of generation to approved point of final disposition
- Must ensure that the person collecting and transporting their scrap tires has a valid EPD tire carrier permit, and that their scrap tires were delivered to the point of final disposition they designated on the tire manifest
- Must keep a copy of the tire manifest (with the tire carrier's signature) until they receive the original tire manifest back from the carrier (signed at the point of final disposition)
- Must keep all tire manifests (with the three original signatures) on site for three years
- Must notify EPD in writing when a tire carrier fails to return a properly completed tire manifest within 30 days from picking up scrap tires; notifications must be filed within 15 days following failure of the tire carrier to deliver the tire manifest with original signatures to the generator

NOTE: Check with your local code enforcement officer, as local government requirements may be more stringent.

Disclaimer: This document is for guidance purposes only and is not intended to replace the actual rules and regulations governing scrap tire management in the State of Georgia. Any person generating scrap tires or selling new replacement tires, must follow the State of Georgia Rules and Regulations for Scrap and Used Tire Management contained in the Solid Waste Management Act, as amended (O.C.G.A. 12-8-20), the Rules for Solid Waste Management (Chapter 391-3-4-.19(5)), and all other applicable federal, state, and local rules and regulations. For copies of State of Georgia rules and regulations governing scrap tire management, call 404-363-7027.