

WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL

SOLID WASTE SECTION



Although a small percentage of the solid waste that Iowans generate, waste tires are often the most notorious type of improperly and illegally disposed solid waste. Proper and timely management and disposal of waste tires ensures the quality of Iowa's landscape and environment, while also protecting public health and safety.

NEVER DUMP, BURY OR BURN WASTE TIRES

Disposing waste tires by dumping or burial on the landscape, or through open burning, is against the law.

Penalties of up to \$10,000 per violation can be assessed to those that improperly dispose of waste tires. Burning tires releases toxic gases and ash into the air, all of which pose health and environmental hazards.

PROPER DISPOSAL OF WASTE TIRES

To easily and properly dispose waste tires, leave them with your tire dealer or service center, and pay the nominal fee they charge for disposal. Your tire dealer then contracts with registered and permitted recyclers for the proper management, disposal or recycling of all waste tire materials.

Your local recycling center or municipal or solid waste landfill agency may also accept tires for a nominal fee; these facilities also contract for proper disposal or recycling. A permitted landfill must accept waste tires for disposal as regular solid waste if the tires are first cut into pieces no more than 18 inches in length.

If you generate large volumes of waste tires through business activities as a tire dealer, fleet manager, or salvage operation, you can contract directly with an Iowa-registered waste tire hauler or waste tire processor for disposal services. These haulers and processors can provide waste tire pickup services for your facility, per their terms and rates. Any waste tire hauler that charges fees to accept waste tires must be registered with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

STORAGE OF WASTE TIRES

Iowa law limits the amount of waste tires that may be stored by an individual to no more than the equivalent of 500 car tires. Storing large amounts of waste tires can create a financial burden for you in the future, as it can then become costly to dispose of many tires at once. Local zoning and nuisance ordinances in your city or county may further limit the amount of waste tires you can store, as waste tires are a solid waste, and can be considered as junk, debris and a public nuisance. Never store waste tires near brush or other flammable materials, as tire fires are difficult to extinguish.

Always ensure that any waste tire storage is designed to prevent the collection of rain water, as tires present an excellent habitat for the breeding and incubation of mosquitoes; these insects carry diseases such as West Nile Virus, which can be deadly to humans.

The best management solution for waste tires is to pay for proper disposal through your tire dealer, local recycling center, or a permitted waste tire hauler or processor. Don't take a problem home with you!

[LISTINGS OF REGISTERED WASTE TIRE HAULERS AND PROCESSORS](#)

**DON'T DITCH
YOUR WASTE TIRES –
DISPOSE OF THEM PROPERLY**

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