



Scrap Tire Program



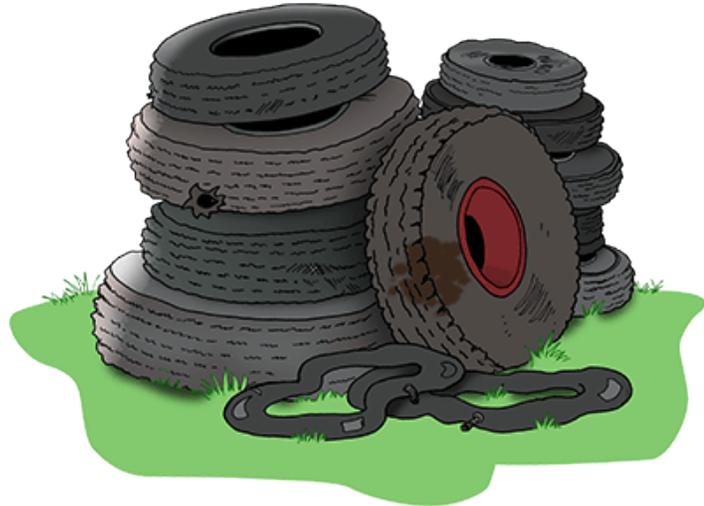
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Why?

- ✓ Illegal dumping of used and scrap tires is an issue of major concern to the City of Amarillo and its citizens because the problem impacts every sector of the City; and
- ✓ Safe and environmentally responsible removal, reuse and disposal of tires, promotes public health and safety; and,
- ✓ There is a need to establish visual aesthetic standards for certain businesses that utilize outdoor storage; and
- ✓ The abatement of these abandoned and/or unregulated stockpiles of used and scrap tires places a financial burden on the City; and
- ✓ To accomplish the aforementioned goals there is a need to regulate and license tire businesses; and
- ✓ It is necessary to develop provisions reasonable means to promote and protect the public health, safety, and welfare;

Benefit to Amarillo Citizens: Decrease illegal dumping practices, reduce the number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents which carry disease, deter questionable tire transporters, and require more accountability from scrap tire facilities.

“Scrap Tire” – Whole tire or any portion of a tire that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose or is being held, transported, or processed for disposal or recycling



Other Definitions:
“Tire Business” means any business or establishment where tires are collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought, or stored, including but not limited to a mobile tire repair business or scrap tire transportation business.
“Scrap Tire Facility” means any business or establishment where 100 or more scrap tires per year are collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought or stored.
“Scrap tire transportation unit” means any vehicle used to transport scrap tires.



Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What is the purpose of the Scrap Tire Program?** The purpose of the Scrap Tire Program is to register scrap tire businesses operating in Amarillo to ensure the appropriate storage, accurate record keeping, safe transportation, and proper disposal of used and scrap tires.
- 2. How will the Scrap Tire Program benefit citizens of Amarillo?** The program will help to decrease illegal dumping practices, reduce the number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents which carry disease, deter questionable tire transporters, and require more accountability from scrap tire facility owners to properly maintain and transport used or scrap tires.
- 3. What is the difference between used and scrap tires?** Used tire means a tire, including a recapped or retreaded tire, suitable for continued use for its original intended purpose. Scrap tire means a whole tire or any portion of a tire that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose or is being held, transported, or processed for disposal or recycling.
- 4. Why are City regulations needed?** Abandoned and/or unregulated stockpiles of used and scrap tires pose a serious fire hazard and threat to public health and safety. Tires create a breeding ground for mosquitoes and can release hydrocarbons and other contaminants to the ground water. Additionally, the illegal dumping of scrap tires has a negative effect on community appearance.
- 5. What type of businesses (scrap tire facilities) are affected by this program?** Any business or establishment where scrap tires are generated, collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought or stored are regulated.
- 6. What businesses are exempt from registering?** The regulations would not apply to any department, branch or agency, of federal, state, or municipal government. Land filled scrap tires are not subject to the storage requirement.
- 7. How were businesses informed of the proposed regulations?** Direct contact with owners of the major independent tire retailers and scrap tire haulers. Meetings with these groups to include a community engagement program which will allow members of our community the ability to provide input and feedback. The City conducted several public presentations and two public hearings developing the regulations.
- 8. What is the penalty for violation of the ordinance?** Violation of the ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine not less than \$250.00, but not more than \$2,000.
- 9. Where can I get more information about scrap tire regulations in Texas?** The Texas Department of Environmental Quality regulates scrap tires and the TCEQ website provides information and links: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/tires>
- 10. Where can I find additional information and registration forms for the City of Amarillo Scrap Tire Program?** http://amarillo.gov/scrap_tires