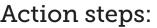
Fast facts:

- Six million waste tires are generated each year in Colorado.
 - On average, each person in Colorado generates one waste tire per year.
- Waste tires get a second life through a variety of recycling uses, including:





- Do not let waste tires sit around your home—they give mosquitos prime breeding grounds and are a fire risk.
- To report suspected illegal waste tire disposal sites, visit our website at www.colorado. gov/wastetires to fill out a complaint form.
- Contact your local landfill or tire retail shop to take your old tires (a disposal fee may apply).





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Division mission

To improve the quality of the environment and public health for the citizens of Colorado by continuously improving our efforts to ensure proper management of hazardous materials and waste

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How Colorado manages millions of waste tires every year

TIRES





What is a waste tire?

The term waste tire refers specifically to a tire no longer suitable for use as a vehicle tire, usually due to wear or damage. It is:

- No longer being used as a tire.
- Not usable on a vehicle.
- Not mounted.
- Not processed into a tire-derived product.



Where can I take unwanted tires?

Most landfills or tire retail shops will accept old tires for a small disposal fee—usually \$5 per tire or less.

Contact the landfill or retail tire shop before bringing your tires to ensure acceptance.

How can I report illegal waste tire piles?

Fill out the
Waste tire complaint form at:
www.colorado.gov/cdphe/wastetires
or call 303-692-3320

You can also contact your local code enforcement or health department.



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Why do we manage waste tires?

Waste tires are fire hazards. Waste tire fires are very hot, cannot be extinguished easily and can last for weeks or months. During combustion, chemicals in the tires can be released into the soil and air.

Abandoned tires can also collect rainwater, creating ideal breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Hundreds of mosquito larvae can hatch in just one tire.



How are waste tires managed in the United States?

According to the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association, in 2017 over 81 percent of waste tires were recycled in the United States.

Tire-derived fuel accounted for 43 percent of recycled tires. Over 25 percent of waste tires were used as ground rubber and almost 8 percent were used in civil engineering.



What is the Waste Tire Fee and how is it used?



For nearly a decade, a Waste Tire Fee has been imposed on consumers purchasing new motor vehicle or trailer tires in Colorado.

With the result of recent legislation, as of January 1, 2020, the fee increased from \$0.55 to \$1.25 for each new tire sold.

With the passage of Senate Bill 19-198, this fee change will fund the revised End Users Fund Rebate Program, market development for waste tire products, eligible waste tire dump clean-up activities, and will maintain current staffing levels for the state Waste Tire Program which handles oversight and enforcement of waste tire facilities.

Without this oversight, waste tires and associated vectors can increase fire risks and can be harmful to both public health and the environment.

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