

Scrap Tire Program

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What do I do if I have scrap tires on my property?

It is estimated that there are over 20 million tires illegally disposed of in the State of Alabama. In June 2003, the Alabama Legislature passed the Alabama Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act to regulate scrap tire accumulations comprehensively and to provide for the cleanup and remediation of all illegal scrap tire sites. ADEM Administrative Code Division 335-4, which implements this Act, took effect on August 4, 2004. If you have 100 or more tires accumulated on your property and are not a registered receiver of scrap tires, you must take the following actions:

- Remove all scrap tires from your property and transport them to a permitted processor, solid waste transfer station or a solid waste disposal facility, unless otherwise approved by ADEM. A person who has an interest in real property where scrap tires have been discarded may remediate that property themselves. However, if a landowner decides to personally remove scrap tires from the site, they must obtain a limited-use transporter permit from ADEM before transporting any scrap tires.
- If the scrap tires were placed on your property without your permission, and you can prove that you are an innocent landowner, the site could be cleaned up using the Scrap Tire Fund.
- If the person responsible for the illegal dumping of the scrap tires can be identified, that person will be required to clean up the site. If the responsible person fails to remediate the site, ADEM may use the Scrap Tire Fund to carry out the cleanup and subsequently take legal action to recover the costs of remediation.

By removing scrap tires from your property, you reduce the number of breeding sites for mosquitoes, thereby lowering the risk of diseases like West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis in your neighborhood. Additionally, by identifying illegal scrap tire sites, you can help the ADEM clean up these sites, which will improve the environment in your community.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ADEM Administrative Code Division 1
ADEM Administrative Code Division 4
ADEM Administrative Code Division 13

*This fact sheet provides an overview of the requirements for Scrap Tire Sites in Alabama. For complete requirements and additional information regarding these sites, please refer to the ADEM Administrative Code Division 335-4, which is available on the ADEM website at <https://adem.alabama.gov/alabama-environmental-regulations-and-laws>.