



How to Handle Used and Waste Tires

If you operate a business that sells tires – new or used – you should be aware of the laws that govern the collection, storage and disposal of used and waste tires in Florida. These regulations, Chapters 62-711 and 62-701, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), apply to tire dealers who store or otherwise handle waste tires – tires that have been removed from motor vehicles and have not been retreaded or regrooved. The following is a summary of your responsibilities and recommended Best Management Practices; however, this is not a substitute for understanding the regulations themselves.

- » You can store no more than 1,500 tires (total of used and waste tires), unless permitted as a waste tire processing facility; this includes tires stored inside and outside.
- » It is recommended that piles of used and waste tires are neatly stacked and kept mosquito-free at all times.
- » Common methods for controlling mosquitoes are maintaining dry tires by perforating, covering and spraying with an insecticide/larvicide per prescribed standards.
- » If you transport more than 25 tires at a time on Florida roadways, you must be registered with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as a waste tire collector (*Rule 62-701.200(128), F.A.C.*).
- » A current registration decal must be displayed on the vehicle that transports the tires. The decal must be affixed to the outside of the driver's front door (*Rule 62-711.520(3) F.A.C.*).
- » If more than 25 tires a month are collected and hauled from your facility, you must keep records of who collects your waste tires, the registration number of the collector, how many tires are collected, when they are collected and where they are taken (*Rule 62-711.400(5), F.A.C.*).
- » If you allow tires to be removed from your business by someone other than a registered collector, you remain responsible for those tires. If they are illegally dumped, you can be fined or required to clean up and properly dispose of the tires.
- » All waste tire collector registrations expire on April 1 each year. Renewal applications must be submitted annually to DEP by March 1. New waste tire collectors must submit an application to DEP at least 30 days before the collector intends to begin operations (*Rule 62-711.520(4), F.A.C.*).
- » All waste tires shall be processed or disposed of at a waste tire processing facility or a solid waste management facility permitted by DEP for the processing/disposal of waste tires (*Rule 62-711.400(2), F.A.C.*).

Florida's waste tire laws are found in Section 403.717, Florida Statutes, and in Chapters 62-711 and 62-701, F.A.C.