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State law requires Oklahoma tire dealers to collect waste tire recycling fees on each new tire sold and tag agencies to collect at first time registration of vehicles:

- $1.00 for tires with a rim size of 17 ½ inches or less.
- $2.50 for tires with a rim size > 17 ½ inches and ≤ 19 ½ inches.
- $3.50 for tires with a rim size of greater than 19 ½ inches.
- DEQ will inspect tire dealers annually to verify that they are collecting and remitting the recycling fees. Dealers must also complete the waste tire manifests.
- Any authorized waste tire collector and transporter can pick up waste tires from dealers and contract with facilities for proper disposal.

Oklahoma Waste Tires: Qualified Applicants for Collections and Transportation (OACT):

- Bristow Rubber Recycling
  100 Old Trail Rd.
  Bristow, OK 74010
  Phone: (918) 367-9595
  Fax: (918) 367-9598

- Four D Corp.
  900 McCurdy Rd.
  Duncan, OK 73533
  Phone: (580) 255-8473
  Fax: (580) 255-8496

- Holcomb Cement Kiln/Geocycle
  110 West 18th Street
  Ada, OK 74820
  Phone: (580) 421-8984

- Lafarge Cement Kiln/Systech
  2009 N. 145th East Ave.
  Tulsa, OK 74116
  Phone: (918) 599-8473

- Lone Star Industries, dba Buzzi Unicem USA
  PO Box 68
  Pryor, OK 74362
  Phone: (918) 825-1937

- Noble Rubber
  PO Box 1795
  Noble, OK 73068
  Phone: 405-872-9070
  Fax: (405) 872-9097

Waste Tire Program Contact:
Land Protection (405) 702-5100

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Oklahoma Waste Tire Recycling Fee

Oklahoma law creates a recycling program for waste tires based on a fee paid by everyone purchasing tires. The fee pays to collect waste tires from dealers and recycle them for fuel at cement kilns, as raw material for crumb rubber products, or as chipped replacement for gravel in drainage structures.

Customers who choose to take their waste tires home with them should retain a receipt from the tire dealer that allows them to bring back the waste tire when they are completely worn out.

Shredded tires can be used in septic systems, lateral lines or further ground down to crumb rubber.

Crumb Rubber is used to cushion playgrounds and football fields along with making running tracks and truck bed liners. It has also been used as an additive to asphalt.

Shredded tires are further ground into a powder. The wire and other fiber that were the original components of the tires are removed from the rubber.

Playgrounds made with crumb rubber are safer for kids.

Tires dumped illegally are health hazards. They provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes in warm weather and a continual home for rats, skunks, and other animals that transmit human disease.

Proper disposal of waste tires includes leaving the tires with the tire dealer when purchasing new tires or turning in waste tires during Community Wide Clean Up Events.

Communities can collect waste tires during community clean-up events. The Oklahoma City Public Works Department sponsored a Fall Cleanup Event on October 13, 2007. They collected 1742 waste tires in one day. There is no charge to dispose of waste tires at locally sponsored recycle events such as these.

Contact your local community or the DEQ to find out when the next community-wide clean up will be held in your area.