
Scrap Tire Collection Facilities

PURPOSE

This educational guideline addresses owner and operator responsibilities when registering and operating a scrap tire collection facility in Ohio and is intended to guide readers through some of the major requirements of the scrap tire rules. However, it is only a guide and the appropriate sections of the Ohio Administrative Code should be read in their entirety.

Scrap tire collection facility is defined in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-01. It is a type of scrap tire storage facility that is used for the receipt and storage of **whole** scrap tires from the public prior to their transportation to an approved destination.

A scrap tire collection facility must obtain a registration certificate from Ohio EPA and an annual operating license from the local approved health department, or Ohio EPA if the health department is unapproved. Scrap tire collection facilities may have a maximum storage area of 5,000 cubic feet (185 cubic yards) of effective scrap tire storage, and all of the scrap tires must be stored in portable containers and in accordance with the operational criteria established in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-65.

APPLICABLE RULES/STATUTES

Ohio Revised Code 3734
Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-61
Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-62
Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-65

HOW MUST TIRES BE STORED TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES?

The operational requirements for scrap tire collection facilities can be found in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-65(D). In general, however, **whole** scrap tires must be stored in portable containers whose total

volume does not exceed 5,000 cubic feet. The storage of cut or shredded scrap tires is **not** authorized at a collection facility. Ohio's scrap tire rules are crafted to complement the local fire code, and appropriate fire lanes must be maintained around containers at all times. Covering tires with soil at a collection facility is prohibited. For specific storage requirements, please refer to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-65(D).

WHAT FEES DO SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION FACILITIES HAVE TO PAY?

Collection facilities are required to submit a one-time registration application. The non-refundable registration application fee is \$15. If the registration is issued, the balance of the one-time registration fee, \$185 (\$200 - \$15), will be billed to the applicant.

[Note: The \$15 non-refundable application fee is applied toward the total registration fee.]

In addition to obtaining a registration certificate, scrap tire collection facilities are also required to obtain an **annual** operating license from the approved local health department or Ohio EPA if the local health department is not approved for the solid waste program. The non-refundable license application fee for collection facilities is \$100. If the license application is approved, the balance of the annual license fee, \$100 (\$200-\$100), will be billed to the applicant.

Registration and license applications can be downloaded from Ohio EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsiwm>.

ARE ANY OTHER PERMITS REQUIRED FOR SCRAP TIRE COLLECTION FACILITIES?

Operators of scrap tire collection facilities may be subject to permit requirements of other Ohio EPA divisions. It is recommended that operators contact the Ohio EPA Division of Air

Scrap Tire Collection Facilities

Pollution Control and the Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water to determine whether additional permits are necessary.

HOW DO THE OHIO AND LOCAL FIRE CODES APPLY TO THE STORAGE OF SCRAP TIRES?

The location of a single container holding scrap tires should be coordinated with the local fire official. The general fire code Ohio Administrative Code 1301:7-7-03, **General precautions against fire**, applies to the storage of combustible material such as scrap tires.

DOES A COLLECTION FACILITY NEED TO OBTAIN FINANCIAL ASSURANCE?

No. Scrap tire collection facilities are not required to obtain a financial assurance instrument to operate.

DO COLLECTION FACILITIES HAVE TO KEEP RECORDS?

Yes. According to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-27-65(J), collection facilities must fill out either a two-part or three-part shipping paper with the scrap tire transporter each time tires are delivered to or picked up from the facility. In addition, collection facilities are required to maintain a daily log to track each incoming or outgoing shipment and to provide a constant estimate of the number of tires on site.

Copies of the shipping papers must be retained on file for at least three years. These papers do not need to be sent to Ohio EPA or to the local health department, but must be available for inspection. However, an annual report summarizing the information from the shipping papers must be submitted to Ohio EPA.

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM REGISTERING AS A COLLECTION FACILITY?

The requirement to obtain a registration certificate does not apply to the following scrap tire collection facilities:

- A retail tire dealer location that meets either of the following:
 - No more than 1,000 scrap tires are present any time in an unsecured, uncovered, outdoor location; or
 - Any number of scrap tires secured in a building or covered, enclosed container, trailer, or installation;
- A tire retreading business, tire manufacturing finishing center, or tire adjustment center where 4,000 or less scrap tires are stored in a single, covered scrap tire storage area.
- A business that removes tires from motor vehicles in the ordinary course of business that has a single scrap tire storage area that occupies not more than 2,500 square feet;
- An approved beneficial use site;
- A registered scrap tire transporter that collects and holds scrap tires in a covered trailer or vehicle at their business location for not longer than 30 days prior to transporting them to their final destination.
- Any political subdivision or state agency that conducts a roadside or public property litter cleanup operation or a community tire collection event, and stores the tires for less than 30 days;
- A licensed solid waste transfer facility, where all scrap tires are pulled from mixed loads of solid waste and are stored in portable enclosed containers;
- A licensed construction and demolition debris landfill, where the scrap tires are pulled from mixed loads of construction and demolition debris and are stored in portable enclosed containers.

Scrap Tire Collection Facilities

POINT OF CONTACT

Northeast District Office DSIWM Supervisor at
Twinsburg: 330-963-1200

Northwest District Office DSIWM Supervisor at
Bowling Green: 419-352-8461

Central District Office DSIWM Supervisor at
Columbus: 614-728-3778

Southeast District Office DSIWM Supervisor at
Logan: 740-385-8501

Southwest District Office DSIWM Supervisor at
Dayton: 937-285-6357

Central Office-Scrap Tire Unit at Columbus:
614-644-2621

DISCLAIMER

The procedures set out in this document are intended solely for guidance. The procedures are not intended and cannot be relied upon to create rights, substantive or procedural, enforceable by any party against Ohio EPA. While this guidance document is not legally binding, all statutes and rules referenced herein are binding and enforceable. Ohio EPA reserves the rights to vary this guidance or to change it at any time without public notice and also reserves the right to deviate from this guidance on a case-by-case basis.