Community Solutions for Scrap Tire Cleanup and Removal

Many local communities and government officials want to address illegal tire dumping, but are not sure where to start or how to finance it. Ohio EPA’s state-funded scrap tire cleanup program may be the solution.

Through the program, county and local government entities pick up open dumped scrap tires from public roadsides, alleys, rights-of-way and river clean-up efforts. They then provide access rights for state contractors to remove scrap tires staged at a centralized location for proper management or disposal.
Tires collected and stacked for pick-up at convenient access points are less expensive to remove. To qualify for the program, temporary collection points must contain at least 100 but no more than 5,000 scrap tires. Tires may be any size and may be un-mounted or on rims.

Cleanup costs can be reduced further by using community service and inmate labor to load the tires into trailers or roll-off containers for removal.

Recognizing that these tire cleanups may occur multiple times throughout the year, approved applications and consent forms remain in effect for two years, making the program much more than a temporary solution to an ongoing problem.

Besides being a nuisance and public safety concern, improperly managed scrap tires can serve as breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitos and are an inherent fire risk. Scrap tire fires generate toxic smoke and oil that can put your residents at risk as well as contaminate nearby surface water and ground water resources.

Call (614) 644-2621 or visit epa.ohio.gov/scraptires.aspx to apply or for more information.