



Scrap Tire Generator

What Is a Scrap Tire Generator?

A scrap tire generator is any individual or business that removes tires from vehicles or stores tires removed from vehicles. Generators include but are not limited to individual citizens; retail tire dealers; service stations; tire retreading businesses; and motor vehicle salvage dealers (MVSD).

What is a Scrap Tire?

Ohio EPA has a publication, Guidance Document #642, that defines what is a scrap tire. Often a point of confusion, it is important to mention that a used tire is a scrap tire. A used tire is a scrap tire whether it is mounted on a rim or not. A used tire remains a scrap tire until it is installed on a vehicle. Retreadable casings are also scrap tires until a retreading business has accepted and inspected the tire and marked it as suitable for retreading.

If I am a generator of scrap tires, how do Ohio's scrap tire rules apply to me?

If certain conditions are met, generators typically do not have to register as a "scrap tire facility" under the scrap tire rules. This means that most generators do not have to obtain an annual license or a scrap tire registration certificate (registration)/permit to install (permit) from Ohio EPA. To maintain this unlicensed status, and remain in compliance with Ohio's regulations the generator must do the following:

- perform mosquito control,
- prevent removal of scrap tires at the place of business/operation,
- allow only transporters that are registered by Ohio EPA to take scrap tires away,
- recycle or dispose of scrap tires at only locations approved by Ohio EPA, and
- maintain proper records.

Table A, on the last page of this guidance document, illustrates the requirements that each type of generator must meet to remain unlicensed. Ohio EPA has several guidance documents that provide information on the various licensed and registered/permitted scrap tire facilities. Please contact the Scrap Tire Unit for guidance.

Can I Transport My Scrap Tires?

Anyone can transport **10 or fewer scrap tires** without having to be a registered transporter. If you do transport 10 or less scrap tires, you still need to manage those scrap tires legally. Ohio EPA recommends that you take the scrap tires to a licensed scrap tire facility. A list of licensed scrap tire facilities is maintained on Ohio EPA's webpage at [Dashboard - Landfills, Transfer, C&DD, Compost and Scrap Tire Facilities & Scrap Tire Transporters | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#).

If you transport **more than 10 scrap tires and are not eligible for an exclusion**, you must either become a registered transporter or use a registered transporter. Information on the exclusions from having to become a registered scrap tire transporter and the process to become a registered scrap tire transporter can be found in [Guidance Document #640, Standards and Requirements for Scrap Tire Transporters](#).

To legally operate in Ohio, a scrap tire transporter must be registered with Ohio EPA. A registration issued by another state is not an acceptable substitute for an Ohio registration.

It is important to mention that by transporting more than 10 scrap tires yourself, or by using a non-registered scrap tire transporter for loads of more than ten scrap tires, you (the scrap tire generator) are in violation of Ohio Revised Code 3734.83(C) which requires that "...no person who possesses scrap tires shall cause them to be transported by any person who is not registered as a transporter..."

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Furthermore, by using an unregistered scrap tire transporter you may be participating in open dumping since the illegal hauler may open dump all except the few scrap tires that can be sold as used tires or retreadable casings. By using a non-registered scrap tire transporter, you (the scrap tire generator) remain liable for any costs associated with the illegal dumping of the scrap tires. You are even liable if the transporter takes the scrap tires for free.

How do I verify that my scrap tire transporter is registered with Ohio EPA?

A scrap tire transporter that is registered with Ohio EPA is required to carry a current, original registration certificate issued by Ohio EPA in the transporting vehicle and display a registered scrap tire transporter decal (starting in May 2024). To be valid, the certificate must be printed on copy-proof paper with the Seal of the State of Ohio imprinted on it. Copies of Ohio certificates are not valid. Scrap tire certificates issued by other states are not valid in Ohio.

You can also check Ohio EPA's list of registered scrap tire transporter at [Dashboard - Landfills, Transfer, C&DD, Compost and Scrap Tire Facilities & Scrap Tire Transporters | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#).

How do I become a registered scrap tire transporter?

Ohio EPA recommends that you review Guidance Document# 640 titled "Standards and Requirements for Scrap Tire Transporters. This document identifies the exclusions in rule that allow a person to transport scrap tires without having to become a registered scrap tire transporter. If you determine that you are not eligible for an exclusion, you must apply for an annual registration certificate. You must also obtain financial assurance in the amount of \$10,000. You can complete and submit a registration applications through Ohio EPA's online business service, the eBusiness Center (eBiz). To learn more about this service, please go to the eServices website for Ohio EPA's *Division of Materials and Waste Management*, [DMWM eServices | Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#) and <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/materials-and-waste-management/about-dmwm/dmwm-eservices>.

You can also download the applications to register as a scrap tire transporter from Ohio EPA's website at: https://epa.ohio.gov/static/Portals/34/document/forms/tire_annual_reg_apply_form.pdf. See [Guidance Document #640, Standards and Requirements for Scrap Tire Transporters](#) for additional information.

How do I verify that my scrap tire transporter is managing my scrap tires properly?

A registered scrap tire transporter is required to complete shipping papers when hauling scrap tires. The scrap tire transporter should provide you with a copy of completed shipping papers signed by both you (as the generator) and the transporter. When using a registered scrap tire transporter to receive or to ship a load of scrap tires, you (as the generator) are required to assist the transporter in filling out shipping papers that will certify the number of tires shipped and the composition of scrap tires shipped.

Ohio EPA recommends that you ask the scrap tire transporter where your scrap tires are being taken to determine if it is an approved location. See link under "Can I Transport My Scrap Tires" for a list of licensed scrap tire facilities in Ohio. You can also contact the Scrap Tire Unit to learn about facilities in surrounding states.

What are my recordkeeping requirements as a scrap tire generator?

As a scrap tire generator, you are required to retain a copy of all completed shipping papers for a minimum of three years. You should retain all shipping papers at your principal place of business. Your shipping papers must be available during normal business hours for Ohio EPA or the local health department to inspect. The three-year retention period begins the date the shipping paper was completed. You may be required to retain records for longer than three years during litigation, when Ohio EPA or the local health department makes a specific written request, or when required by a court or administrative order.

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If you apply a pesticide for mosquito control, records of these applications have to be maintained for three years. Records have to identify the name, type, amount used per tire, and EPA registration number of the pesticide, the date and time of the application, and the name of the person who applied the pesticide.

Is there a penalty for not complying with Ohio’s scrap tire generator regulations?

The penalties for violating this or any section of the Ohio Revised Code relative to the handling and storage of scrap tires and the failure to use an Ohio registered scrap tire transporter can result in civil or criminal penalties of \$10,000.00 to \$25,000.00 to both the scrap tire generator and the unregistered scrap tire transporter and imprisonment for two to four years per [Ohio Revised Code Section 3734.99](#).

If you suspect or know of a person or business that is not properly transporting, storing or handling scrap tires, please call 614-644-2621.

Table A. Requirements for Each Type of Scrap Tire Generator

	All Scrap Tire Generators	Retail Tire Dealer	Tire Retreader	Motor Vehicle Salvage Dealer*
Must comply with general storage and handling rules?	Yes as well as state and local fire codes.	Yes as well as state and local fire codes.	Yes as well as state and local fire codes.	Yes as well as state and local fire codes.
Must use only Ohio EPA registered transporters?	Yes (Unless 10 or fewer scrap tires are transported).	Yes (Unless 10 or fewer scrap tires are transported).	Yes (Unless 10 or fewer scrap tires are transported).	Yes (Unless 10 or fewer scrap tires are transported).
What is the maximum number of scrap tires that can be stored on the property to remain an unlicensed scrap tire facility?	100	1,000, if scrap tires are stored outside; Any number of scrap tires stored inside a secured building or secured enclosed container.	4,000, if scrap tires are stored in a single, covered scrap tire storage area.	Scrap tires may be stored in a single pile no greater than 2,500 square feet in area and at maximum pile height of 8 feet.
Must maintain a file of scrap tire shipping papers?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

* Note that junk yards and scrap metal yards are not the same as a motor vehicle salvage dealer. Junk yards and scrap metal yards are not allowed to store more than 100 scrap tires without becoming a licensed scrap tire facility.

References

- Ohio Revised Code 3734
- Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-580-05
- Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-580-205
- Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-580-305
- Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-580-405

Contact

For more information, contact the Central Office Scrap Tire Unit at 614-644-2621.