

# OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## Community-Wide Tire Collection Events

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may authorize a tire recycling fee exemption number (called an "S" number) for tires collected by approved groups holding a scrap tire collection or cleanup event. If you are interested in holding a collection event please contact **Jonathan Hunter at 405-702-5165 or [jonathan.hunter@deq.ok.gov](mailto:jonathan.hunter@deq.ok.gov)**.

### Who can hold a community collection event?

- Municipalities
- Counties
- Tribes
- Community action groups, etc.

### Who can bring tires to a community collection event?

- Individual members of the designated community or communities
- The group holding the event can make any other restrictions on who can bring tires and how many tires an individual can bring

### Who CANNOT bring tires to a community collection event?

- Any person in the business of selling tires (i.e. tire shop, tire dealer, trucking company, etc.)
- Any person outside of the designated community or communities unless approved by the group holding the event
- Any person transporting tires from out of state unless documentation can be provided that the tire was bought in Oklahoma and appropriate fees paid

### What kinds of tires are accepted?

- Car and light truck tires
- Motorcycle and moped tires
- Bus tires
- Agricultural equipment/tractor tires

### What tires are NOT accepted?

- Tires on rims
- ATV tires
- Off-road vehicle tires
- Airplane tires
- Bicycle tires
- Mower and wheelbarrow tires
- Forklift and other heavy equipment tires (not agricultural)



### Where do the tires go?

Tires are picked up from the collection point by a DEQ permitted recycler. These facilities shred and grind the tires down to various sizes that are further processed into various products such as artificial turf, playground mulch or molded rubber products. Some cement kilns burn the tires as an alternative fuel source.

### Contact Information

Land Protection Division (405) 702-5100

Used Tire Recycling Program Website:  
<https://tinyurl.com/5d97vzt5>

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