

Scrap Tire Fact Sheet

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What do I do if I have scrap tires on my property?

It is estimated that there are over 20 million tires illegally disposed in the State of Alabama. In June 2003 the Alabama Legislature passed the Alabama Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act to comprehensively regulate scrap tire accumulations and to provide for cleanup and remediation of all illegal scrap tire sites. The effective date of ADEM Administrative Code 335-4 implementing this Act is August 4, 2004. If you have an accumulation of 100 tires or more on your property, and you are not a registered receiver of scrap tires, you must do the following.

- Register as a landowner with a scrap tire site with ADEM using ADEM form 541. This form can be obtained from the ADEM web site or by contacting ADEM at the number above.
- Remove all scrap tires to a permitted solid waste disposal facility or to a tire processor. A person holding an interest in real property upon which scrap tires are discarded may remediate that property himself without obtaining a transporter permit from ADEM to transport tires to a permitted processor or SWDF until September 30, 2006. After that date, the landowner may obtain a limited-use transporter permit to transport scrap tires.
- If the scrap tires were placed on your property without your permission, and you are able to prove that you are an innocent landowner, the site could be cleaned up using the Scrap Tire Fund. The Department will develop a site ranking system of all tire dumps reported in Alabama to determine the order for sites to be remediated by the Scrap Tire Fund.

If the party responsible for illegally dumping scrap tires can be determined, that person will be required to remediate the site. If the responsible party will not remediate the site, ADEM may use the Scrap Tire Fund to remediate the site and then take legal action to recover the total cost of remediation.

By cleaning up scrap tires on your property, you are reducing the number of breeding areas for mosquitoes and lessening the likelihood of diseases such as West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis in your neighborhood. By identifying illegal tire

dumps, you will assist ADEM in cleaning up these sites which will improve the environment in your area.