

# Nonprofit Group Scrap Tire Cleanups



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# Does your community have scrap tires littering Missouri's landscapes and countrysides?

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources can reimburse fraternal, charitable or other nonprofit organizations for disposal costs of scrap tires collected during voluntary cleanups of land and water resources.

For each tire collected and taken to a legal recycler, end-user, or processor the group will be reimbursed up to the actual cost of disposal or \$2 per tire, whichever is less. The reimbursement can only apply to scrap tires collected during voluntary cleanups of land and water resources. Other wastes are not eligible for reimbursement. Reimbursement funds are available subject to certain conditions.

Nonprofit organizations wishing to use these funds must obtain prior authorization. This can be accomplished by completing the

Scrap Tire Cleanup Form located on the department's Web site. The completed form may be faxed to (573) 526-3902 or mailed to

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A copy of the group's current registration with the Office of the Secretary of State also should be included with the reimbursement request.

Upon approval, the department will notify the group by returning a copy of the signed reimbursement request to the group.

Tire collections that occur prior to receiving approval may not be eligible for reimbursement. Groups are strongly encouraged to take collected tires to scrap tire processors or end users for recycling or resource recovery. Tires can be landfilled, but only if they have been properly cut, chipped or shredded prior to disposal.

Groups are encouraged to arrange for proper disposal of the tires before collecting them. Groups are encouraged to contact the appropriate department regional office for assistance in locating a place to deliver scrap tires.

The Nonprofit Group Scrap Tire Cleanup is funded for the state's 50-cent-per-tire scrap tire fee collected by retailers when every new tire is purchased in Missouri.

When scrap tires are not disposed of or recycled properly they pose serious threats to human

health and the environment. Insects and rodents that grow and breed in these dumps can transmit diseases, such as the West Nile virus. Fires at tire dumps can release hazardous substances into the air, land and water and can burn for months or even years.

When Missourians dispose of or recycle scrap tires properly they can provide several beneficial uses, including an alternate source of fuel for power plants, rubberized asphalt, playgrounds, running tracks, walking trails and other recycled rubber products.

For more information, contact the department's Solid Waste Management Program at 1-800-361-4827 or visit <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirecost.htm>

