

TIRE RECYCLING GUIDE



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Check your Tire Tread

Your tires are a crucial part of your vehicle safety on the road. Without good tread, you may not be able to stop suddenly or even be able stay on the road in wet or snowy weather conditions.

Check all your tires with a penny by placing the edge of the upside-down coin in the tread. If all of Lincoln's head is exposed, then it means that you may need new tires soon. Don't forget to check the spare!



Get rid of your old tires for free at a Siskiyou County Tire Amnesty Event! Remember these key points:

- Tires will be accepted at no charge.
- No tires on rims, tractor, or large truck tires are accepted. Used tires need to be taken off the metal wheel to be recycled.
- No tires from tire-generating businesses will be accepted.
- Up to 9 tires may be transported to an event without an Exemption Form. See the attached Exemption Form to haul 10 to 20 tires.



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Recycle Your Waste Tires!

A ticket for illegal dumping can cost you a lot more than you'd pay to get rid of them right. Remember, it also costs your tax dollars to clean up the mess!



Siskiyou County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Division

One-day exemption to haul up to 20 waste tires: October 1, 2016 only.

(PRC 42954 a, 7) **(Fill out this form if hauling 10 to 20 tires)**

Vehicle Owner: _____
Vehicle Make/Model: _____
Vehicle Operator (if different): _____
Address: _____
License Plate: _____
Phone: _____



42954. (a) A person who hauls waste or used tires is exempt from registration under this chapter if the following condition is met: (7) The person, who is not a waste tire generating business, is transporting waste or used tires to an amnesty day event or to a location as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 42951, and has received written authorization, which includes specific conditions and dates, from the local enforcement agency. The local enforcement agency shall provide copies of any written authorizations to the board within 30 days of their issuance.

Tires will be accepted at no charge.

- No tires on rims, tractor, or large truck tires are accepted
- No tires from tire generating businesses will be accepted
- California law prohibits transport of more than 9 tires at a time.
- Residents may transport a maximum of 20 tires with written permission from the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).

Funded by a grant from CalRecycle in cooperation with the Siskiyou County General Services Department. Have this form filled out and with you while transporting tires. It is your written authorization to carry up to 20 waste tires. Present to Amnesty Event staff or California Highway Patrol upon request.

RECYCLING USED TIRES



Illegal tire dumps are a threat to people and the environment by providing breeding grounds for disease-carrying mosquitoes and a shelter for rats, snakes, and other vermin.

Tires can collect stagnant water that provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes. The insects breed faster than normal in these conditions and can carry deadly diseases such as West Nile Virus, Dengue Fever, Encephalitis, and Yellow Fever.



Tire fires are dangerous to firefighters and hard to put out. In addition, tire fires can produce thick, black, noxious smoke and toxic runoff.



What Can You Do To Help?

We can all take action to keep from being “rolled over” by the waste tires in our county:

- Maintain your tires properly.
- Buy tires that promise higher mileage.
- If they’re available, buy retreaded tires.
- Whenever possible, buy products made from the rubber of old tires.
- Know who can reuse or recycle your old tires.
- Dispose of tires legally.

Waste tires can be recycled into many different products such as:

- Playground mats
- Running tracks
- Sidewalks
- Highway crash barriers
- Rubberized asphalt
- Brake pads
- Erosion control blocks
- Roofing material
- Stall mats
- Flooring tiles
- Landscaping mulch



Some industries use tires as an alternative fuel source for energy. Tires produce the same amount of energy as oil and 25% more energy than coal.

The industries that use tires for energy are required by law to follow strict guidelines to ensure the safety of the public and the environment.

How to Check and Adjust Your Tire’s Pressure

- Review your vehicle owner’s manual or the driver’s side door sticker to determine the proper tire pressure.
- Check the air pressure only when your tires are cool—in other words, before you drive.



- After you remove the valve cap, firmly press a tire gauge onto the valve.
- Add air to achieve the recommended air pressure.
- If your tire is above the recommended pressure or you accidentally overfill it, release air by pushing on the metal stem in the center of the valve with the tire gauge tool, a fingernail, or the tip of a pen. Recheck the pressure until it’s right.
- Replace the valve cap when you’re done.
- Repeat with each tire, and don’t forget the spare. You’ll be glad you checked the spare if you get a flat tire in the “middle of nowhere”!
- While you’re checking the pressure, take a moment to give your tires a good inspection. Listen for leaks, check for nails or other objects embedded in the tires, look for cuts or gouges, uneven wear, bulges, tread separation, and other irregularities.
- Check your tire pressure at least once a month and before a long trip.

Remember, it’s in your best interest to take good care of your tires. It could even save your life!