

Wanda Wonders How operations control used tires.



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HOW DOES YOUR FACILITY HANDLE USED TIRES?

USED TIRES

In Ontario more than 12 million tires are scrapped each year.

Used Tires can have significant environmental impacts.

- In a landfill, they take up valuable space and tend to float to the top
- If they catch on fire they create toxic fumes and oily run-off
- If they are stored outside they can collect water where mosquitoes breed, increasing the risk of spreading West Nile Virus

Store Used Tires:

- in a designated signed area
- in a way that prevents water from collecting in them
- in limited numbers (no more than 20 tires)
- away from flammable materials and ignition sources
- neatly to allow access



Manage used tires so they are not stored on-site for long (maximum 90 days)

Send your used tires for re-use or recycling. Used tires may be cut for use as:

- soles for shoes and sandals
- dock bumpers
- the bases of traffic pylons

They can be ground into rubber for recycling into:

- athletic tracks
- playgrounds
- horse riding arenas
- aggregate
- asphalt pavement
- paving stones



Questions

How are your used tires stored?

Where do your used tires go?

What steps do you take to prolong the life of your tires?

What other advantages are there in protecting the life of your tires?

What you can do to reduce scrap tires:

- inflate tires to the proper level
- check inflation levels weekly
- avoid quick starts and stops
- balance and rotate your tires
- maintain proper alignment
- don't turn the wheel when your vehicle is not moving

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Mahatma Gandhi



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