Understanding Delaware’s Scrap Tire Regulations: Do They Apply to Me?

Do you accumulate 100 or more scrap tires* or scrap passenger tire equivalents (PTE**) on your property?

Yes

Are your scrap tires fully enclosed by a building (a permanent fixed structure with four solid walls, a roof, and floor that is structurally sound with no fixed openings?)

No

Do you have a current, valid Resource Recovery Permit (or other approval issued pursuant to Delaware’s Regulations Governing Solid Waste) OR are you registered with, and actively participating in, the Scrap Tire Management Fund Removal Program?

No

Is your scrap tire pile the result of generating tires from a qualifying business? Examples of qualifying businesses include: tire retailers, tire retreading, automotive graveyards or junkyards, local and state governmental agencies, military installations, farms, and other automotive businesses.

Yes

These regulations DO apply to you. Please refer to the “Delaware’s Scrap Tire Regulations: Do I Belong to Group 1, 2, or 3?” Flow Chart

No

These regulations do NOT apply to you.

For more information, please contact DNREC’s Scrap Tire Management Program at 302.739.9403, Option 8.

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* A scrap tire is defined as a tire meeting one, or more, of the following criteria: (1) it is no longer prudent or practical for vehicular use, (2) it has not been used on a vehicle for more than 6 months, or (3) it is 6 years or older from its manufacture date.

** Passenger Tire Equivalent (PTE) is a weight conversion unit using the assumption that one passenger car tire weighs 25 pounds. PTE is used to convert the weight of tires weighing more than 25 pounds, for example: tractor trailer, construction equipment and oversized vehicle tires. To calculate a PTE, divide the total weight of a tire by 25.

Use this flow chart in conjunction with, “Delaware’s Scrap Tire Regulations: Do I Belong to Group 1, 2, or 3?”