

Scrap Tire Enforcement Program



Solid Waste Management Department

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ACCOUNTABILITY?



Houston we have a problem

Hazards of Illegally Dumped / Improperly Stored Tires

- Fire
 - Water does not adequately penetrate/cool
 - Often fires have to “burn themselves out”
- Mosquito & Vector breeding
 - Breeding ground with standing water
 - Snake haven
 - Rat haven (my experience)
- Pollution
 - Could release hydrocarbons and other contaminants into environment
- Nuisance
 - Diminished property values
 - Eyesore



City of Houston

Scrap Tires End-Use or Disposition

- 6 Neighborhood Depositories (City of Houston residents can bring up to 5 tires)
 - North - 9003 N Main 77022
 - Northwest - 14400 Sommermeyer 77041
 - Northeast - 5565 Kirkpatrick 77028
 - Southeast - 2240 Central Street 77017
 - South - 5100 Sunbeam 77033
 - Southwest - 10785 SW Freeway 77074

- 2 Environmental Service Centers (City of Houston residents can bring up to 5 tires)
 - ESC - SOUTH, 11500 S. Post Oak Rd.
 - ESC - NORTH, 5614 Neches St.

- Westpark Consumer Recycling Center (City of Houston residents can bring up to 5 tires)
 - 5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057

- All tires collected by the city of Houston go to Liberty Tire Recycling LLC. Hauled by YES America.

- Tire Transporters discard tires:
 - Local landfill
 - Cleveland LLC in Cleveland Texas 1 Hour North of Houston,
 - Genan Inc.
 - Liberty Tire Recycling LLC
 - Illegally dumped in the streets of Houston

City of Houston Chapter 39 Article 8

- To establish regulations and procedures for the environmentally safe transportation, appropriate storage, accurate record-keeping, and proper disposal of new, used or scrap tires.
- Tire shops can no longer use any transporter to discard their tires, must be registered with the State and The City of Houston, tires must be recycled appropriately.



Tire Inspector and Administrator Duties

- Conduct inspections on tire related businesses for proper storage, and proper disposal documents and good environmental practices.
- Issue citations, legal warnings, communicate and educate.
- Attend court when subpoenaed.
- Process applications and payments for each business, mail out and issue permits and decals.
- Respond to any inquires for business.

Verifications and Inspections

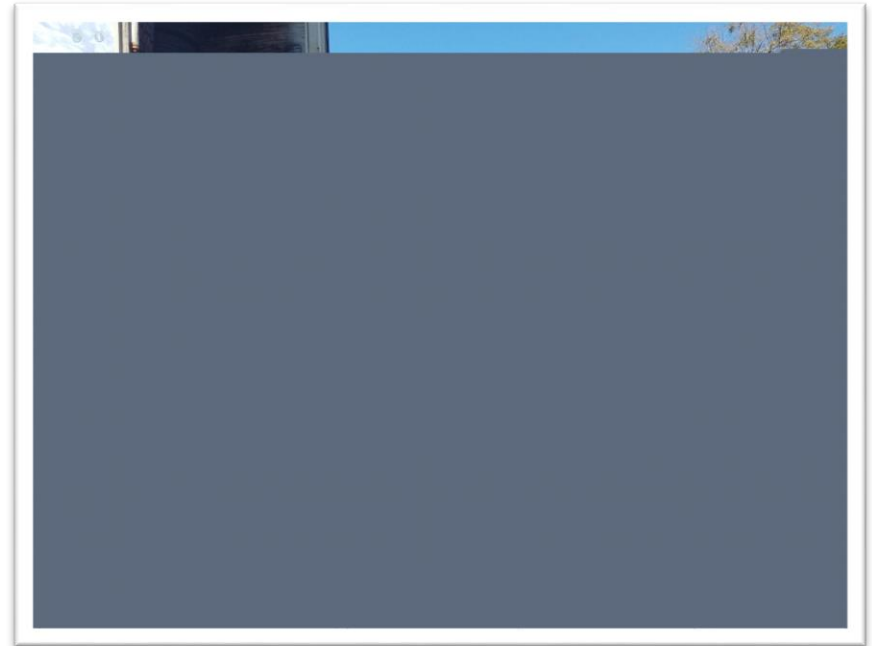




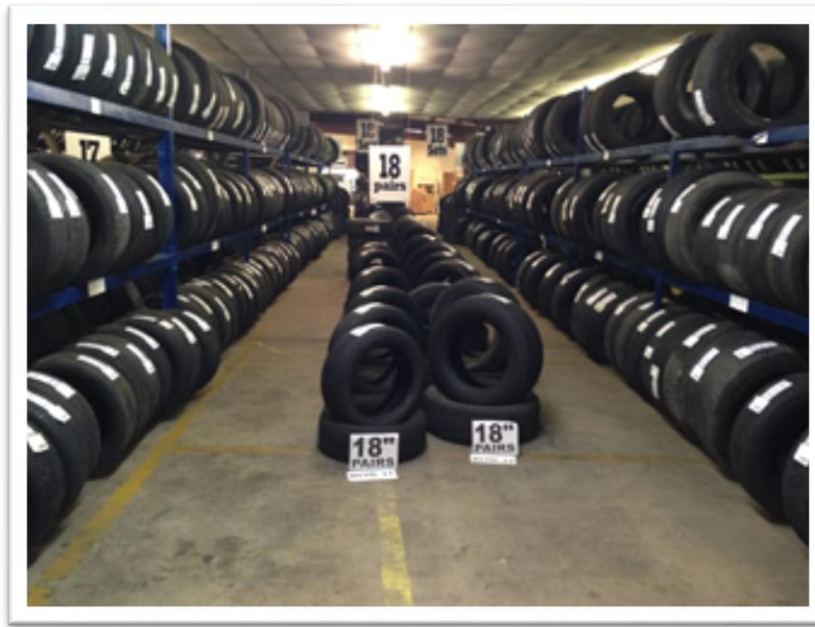
Not all tires are covered



Tires exposed to the elements and unsecured



Liberty Trailer



Blocking the exits



Processed tires into the dumpster

Affirmative Defense



- Hauling five or fewer tires at any one time
- Utilizing a scrap tire in a reuse or repurpose manner consistent with an alternate use such as, but not limited to, a swing, planter, stabilizing platform for sports equipment, etc.

Before



After



Success of Enforcement

Construction Company in District A, acting as a Transporter and storing tires in their property



- No more mosquitoes, rats, snakes
- A healthy pollution free environment
- No longer a community eyesore
- Healthy communities with increasing property values

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Thank you!

Questions?