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“I’ve always done it this way!”

SOME OF THE COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS AND BELIEFS IN THE RURAL AREAS OF FORT BEND COUNTY



“I use tires in my ditches to control erosion!”







Tires Manufactured Before 2000

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for ten years. While they were required to provide the same information as today's tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the **last three digits**. The **2 digits** used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a **single digit** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:



In the example above:

DOT EJ8JDFM408

- 40** Manufactured during the **40th** week of the year
- 8** Manufactured during the **8th** year of the decade

www.Tirerack.com

Tires Manufactured Since 2000

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the **last four digits** of the Tire Identification Number with the **2 digits** being used to identify the week immediately preceding the **2 digits** used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:



In the example above:

DOT U2LL LMLR5107

- 51** Manufactured during the **51st** week of the year
- 07** Manufactured during **2007**



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DOT 11 11

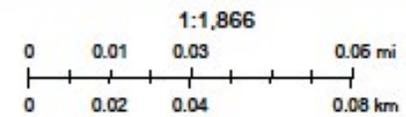






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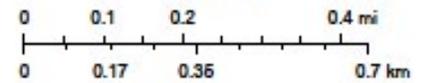
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TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE,

Section 341.013 (c), waste products, offal, polluting material, spent chemicals, liquors, brines, garbage, rubbish, refuse, **used tires**, or other waste of any kind may not be stored, deposited, or disposed of in a manner that may cause the pollution of the surrounding land, the contamination of groundwater or surface water, or the **breeding of insects or rodents**.



“ My vehicles have
been on *MY*
property for
decades!”







Texas Transportation Code

- ▶ Sec. 683.072. JUNKED VEHICLE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC NUISANCE. A junked vehicle, including a part of a junked vehicle, that is visible at any time of the year from a public place or public right-of-way:
 - ▶ (1) is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the public;
 - ▶ (2) tends to reduce the value of private property;
 - ▶ (3) invites vandalism;
 - ▶ (4) creates a fire hazard;
 - ▶ (5) is an attractive nuisance creating a hazard to the health and safety of minors;
 - ▶ (6) produces urban blight adverse to the maintenance and continuing development of municipalities; and
 - ▶ (7) is a public nuisance.

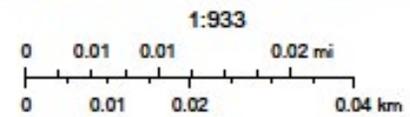


"I COLLECT METALS AND WILL SELL
THEM WHEN THE PRICE OF METALS
GO UP!"





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AND OF COURSE... SOME JUST
HAVE MENTAL ILLNESSES...





Texas Health and Safety Code

- ▶ Sec. 343.011. PUBLIC NUISANCE. (a) This section applies only to the unincorporated area of a county.
- ▶ (b) A person may not cause, permit, or allow a public nuisance under this section.
- ▶ (c) A public nuisance is:
 - ▶ (1) keeping, storing, or accumulating refuse on premises in a neighborhood unless the refuse is entirely contained in a closed receptacle;
 - ▶ (2) keeping, storing, or accumulating rubbish, including newspapers, abandoned vehicles, refrigerators, stoves, furniture, tires, and cans, on premises in a neighborhood or within 300 feet of a public street for 10 days or more, unless the rubbish or object is completely enclosed in a building or is not visible from a public street;



“WHAT DO YOU MEAN I CAN'T
BURN THIS STUFF?!”













Texas Commission on
Environmental Quality
Chapter 111 - Control of Air
Emissions from Visible
Emissions and Particulate Matter

§111.219. General Requirements for Allowable Outdoor Burning.

- ▶ (4) If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to blow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.
- ▶ (5) Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet (90 meters) from any structure containing sensitive receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the adjacent occupant with possessory control.



“I don't know when the law was
put in place but I can only attest to
what I see and what the law states
TODAY”

My dog thinks he slick wearing my pants



THANK YOU!