



Elements of effective state scrap tire management programs

A SCRAP TIRE PROGRAM MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN:

- A time-limited fee is assessed to fund the scrap tire program;
- It is focused on expanding and stimulating sustainable, circular markets for scrap tires;
- Stockpile abatement is conducted when sufficient outlets and markets exist;
- Permits and licenses are required for the transporting and processing of scrap tires,;and
- All regulations are actively enforced

A SCRAP TIRE PROGRAM WORKS WHEN:

- A user fee is assessed (most efficiently at the point of vehicle registration);
- The fee is placed into a fund dedicated to the management of scrap tires;
- Funds are used to stimulate sustainable, circular markets;
- Contracts are awarded to private companies and individuals who exhibit economical and environmentally sound markets;
- States educate stakeholders about how best to manage scrap tires;
- The user fee is reduced when ample sustainable and circular markets exist, and all stockpiled tires have been eradicated. (A nominal fee may be needed to maintain continued enforcement and oversight)

SCRAP TIRE FEES SHOULD BE USED TO:

- Assist states and local communities in establishing scrap tire management programs and creating enforcement and licensing systems;
- Research and develop end-use markets for scrap tires;
- Provide grants or loans to end-users of tire-derived materials;
- Provide end-user reimbursement;
- Conduct scrap tire stockpile abatement projects; and
- Conduct amnesty clean ups.
- ***Scrap tire fees should not subsidize collecting or processing scrap tires.***

About the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association (USTMA). USTMA is the national trade association for tire manufacturers that produce tires in the U.S. USTMA members share a common, aspirational goal that all scrap tires enter sustainable end use markets. USTMA members are committed to continuous improvement of the performance of our products, worker and consumer safety and environmental stewardship. USTMA's scrap tire management efforts are a reflection of the tire industry's commitment to the concept of shared responsibility for its products when they not suitable for use on vehicles. USTMA works with all stakeholders, including states, U.S. EPA and members of our value chain to develop scrap tire markets, eliminate scrap tire stockpiles and implement state regulations that foster sustainable scrap tire markets.