

SCRAP TIRE DUMPING

A GROWING THREAT TO MISSOURI COMMUNITIES

THE PROBLEM:

- ▶ Dumped tires are found in schoolyards, fields, and ditches across Missouri.
- ▶ They pose health risks by harboring mosquitoes and rodents.
- ▶ Fires caused by tire piles are dangerous and costly to put out.
- ▶ Rural areas have fewer drop-off sites, making proper disposal more difficult.



WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Never dump tires illegally.** It is a crime that puts your community at risk.
- **Contact your local Solid Waste District or County Office** to find drop-off events.
- **Ask your tire retailer** if they will take your old tires.
- **Spread the word:** encourage neighbors to properly dispose of tires.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You pay a \$0.50 fee when buying a new tire in Missouri to help cover disposal.
- Missouri generates about 6 million scrap tires every year.
- Many counties don't have a place where residents can easily drop off old tires.

BETTER SOLUTIONS AHEAD:

The Missouri PSC is actively exploring new programs and funding opportunities to improve tire disposal options and better protect communities.

- A state-wide **Tire Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program** would require manufacturers to set up and operate recycling programs that make it easy for consumers to dispose of old tires.
- By **increasing the state's per-tire fee**, more resources could be directed toward local cleanups, public education, and expanding recycling infrastructure—creating a safer, cleaner Missouri for all.

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