



Scrap Tire Program

Ordinance Information

- Chapter 16, Licenses & Business Regulations, Article XVIII Tire Storage, Transportation, and Disposal, Section 16-920

Scrap Tire – Whole tire or any portion of a tire that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose or is being held, transported, or processed for disposal or recycling.

Benefit to Citizens - Decrease illegal dumping practices, reduce the number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents which carry disease, deter questionable tire transporters, and require more accountability from scrap tire facility

Program Goal

Establish regulations and procedures for the safe transportation, appropriate storage, accurate record keeping, and proper disposal of used or scrap tires

Other Definitions

- **Scrap Tire Facility** – means any business or establishment where 100 or more scrap tires per year are collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought or stored.
- **Tire Transporter** - a person or entity permitted by the City to pick up and deliver used and/or scrap tires or shredded tire pieces from and to dealers of tires or permitted scrap tires facilities or state-registered tire recycling facilities





City of San Antonio Scrap Tire Program

Housing and Neighborhood Services Department



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- 1. What is the purpose of the Scrap Tire Program?** The purpose of the Scrap Tire Program is to register scrap tire facilities in San Antonio to ensure the appropriate storage, accurate record keeping, safe transportation, and proper disposal of used and scrap tires.
- 2. How will the Scrap Tire Program benefit citizens of San Antonio?** The program will help to decrease illegal dumping practices, reduce the number of breeding grounds for mosquitoes and rodents which carry disease, deter questionable tire transporters, and require more accountability from scrap tire facility owners to properly maintain and transport used or scrap tires.
- 3. What is the difference between used and scrap tires?** Used tire means a tire, including a recapped or retreaded tire, suitable for continued use for its original intended purpose. Scrap tire means a whole tire or any portion of a tire that can no longer be used for its original intended purpose or is being held, transported, or processed for disposal or recycling. These differences were defined in a new City ordinance.
- 4. When did the new ordinance become effective?** The new article of the City Code (Chapter 16, Article XVIII) was approved unanimously on October 29, 2009 by the San Antonio City Council and became effective November 8, 2009.
- 5. Why was a new ordinance needed?** Abandoned and/or unregulated stockpiles of used and scrap tires pose a serious fire hazard and threat to public health and safety. Tires create a breeding ground for mosquitoes and can release hydrocarbons and other contaminants to the ground water.
- 6. What type of businesses (scrap tire facilities) will be affected by this program?** Any business or establishment where 100 or more scrap tires per year are collected, repaired, processed, recycled, scrapped, sold, bought or stored will be regulated by the new ordinance.
- 7. What businesses are exempt from registering?** The new ordinance does not apply to any department, branch or agency, of federal, state, or municipal government. Land filled scrap tires are not subject to the storage requirement.
- 8. How were businesses informed of the new ordinance?** Two meetings were held in August and September 2009 to receive feedback and input from those directly impacted by the new ordinance. Information about the program was posted on TVSA Channel 21, the government access channel for the City of San Antonio, and an information session will be held for scrap tire facility owners on January 9, 2010. Information is also available on the Housing and Neighborhood Services Department website.
- 9. What is the penalty for violation of the ordinance?** Violation of the ordinance is a Class C misdemeanor that is punishable by a fine not less than \$100, but not more than \$2,000.