



**Maryland**  
Department of  
the Environment

# Maryland's Scrap Tire Program

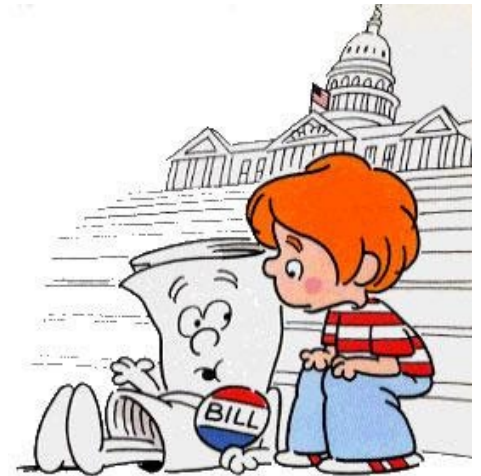
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# Maryland Law & Regulations

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- **Statute** (The Scrap Tire Recycling Act - 1991)  
§9-228 – Environment Article,  
Annotated Code of Maryland
  - established a mechanism for:
    - the cleanup of scrap tire stockpiles
    - the collection, transportation, and recycling or processing of all scrap tires in Maryland
      - including the estimated 6.2 million scrap tires generated each year in the state.
    - a special fund to support the Scrap Tire Program.
- **Regulations**  
26.04.08 – Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)

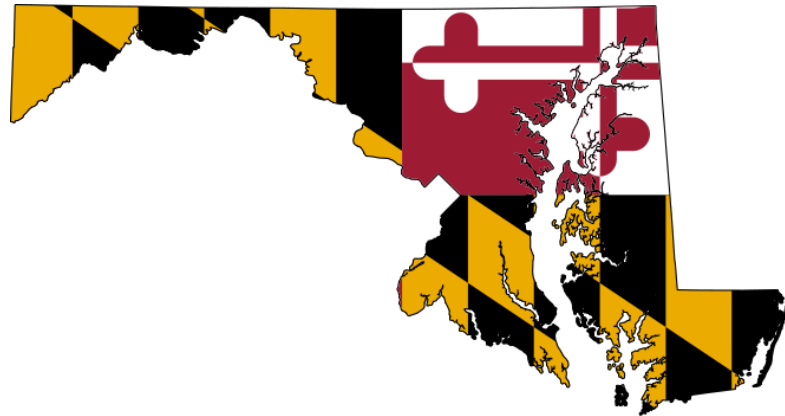




# State Responsibility

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- Three State agencies were designated to implement the Scrap Tire Program.
  - Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
  - Maryland Environmental Service (MES)
  - Comptroller of the Treasury

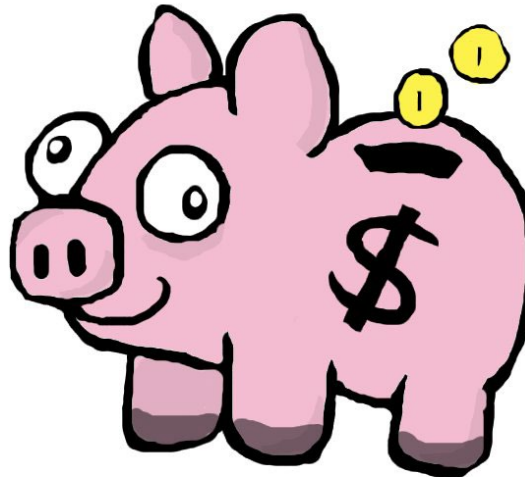




# Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund

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- Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling Fund (Fund)
  - The Fund is generated from the collection of a **80¢ fee per tire** on the first sale of each new tire in the state (including when you buy a new vehicle).





# Problems with Scrap Tires

- Difficult and costly **disposal and recycling challenges**
- **Fire hazard**
  - Emit dangerous oils and soot into the air and water when burned illegally
  - Difficult to extinguish
- **Mosquitoes**
  - Encephalitis
  - West Nile Virus
  - Zika Virus
  - Malaria
- Rats, snakes, ticks, other **vectors**





# Scrap Tire Licensing

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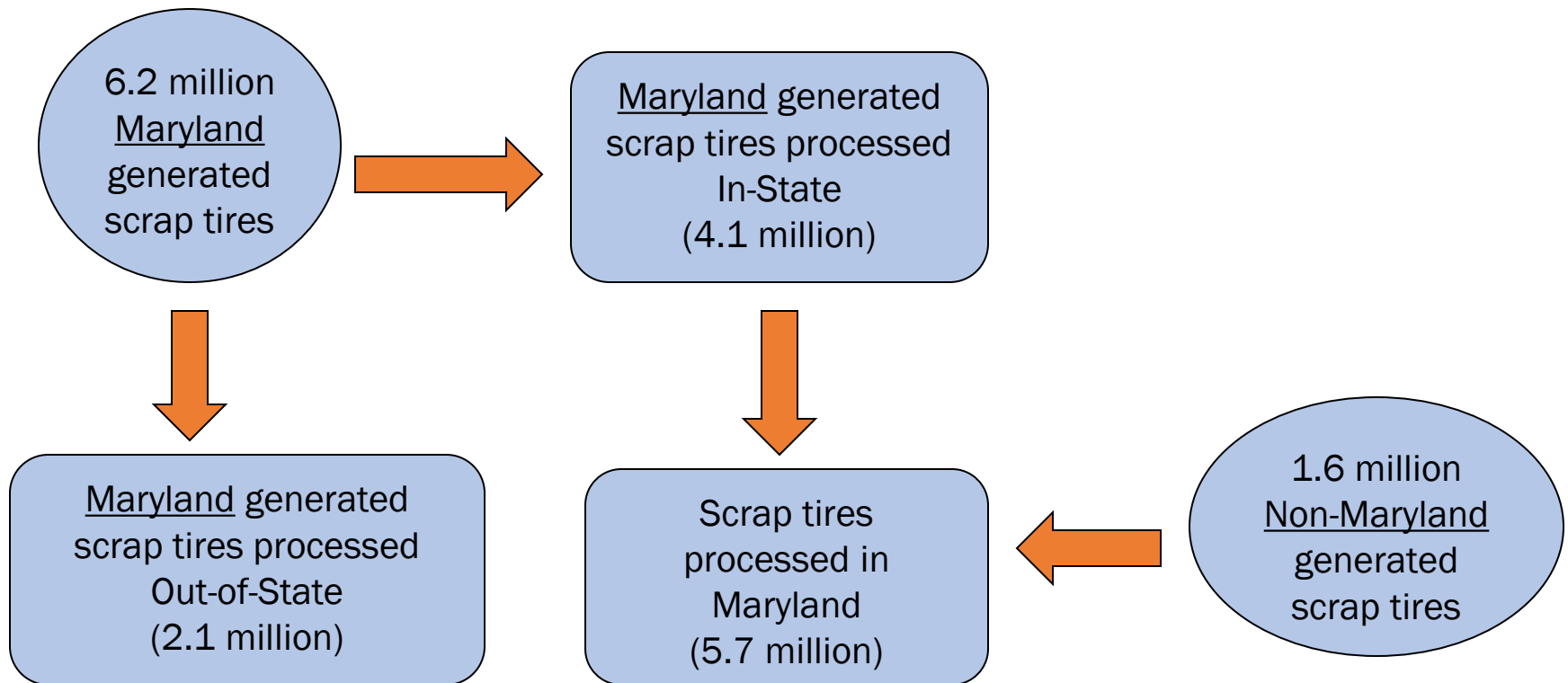
- In Maryland, you need a license from MDE to:
  - Haul scrap tires
  - Collect scrap tires
  - Process scrap tires
    - Recycle
    - Burn as fuel
    - Burn to convert waste to energy
- All Maryland scrap tire licenses are free at this time.





# Scrap Tire Markets FY 2024

- Scrap Tire Flow in FY 2024





# Scrap Tire Markets FY2025

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- **Emanuel Tire Company** / Recycler – 4,682,384 scrap tires  
1300 Moreland Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21216  
(410) 947-0660
- **Auston Tire Recycling** / Recycler – 884,264 scrap tires  
1202 Pauls Lane  
Joppa, MD 21085  
(410) 335-1016
- **K & K Tire, Inc.** / Recycler – 75,265 scrap tires  
816 Oregon Avenue  
Linthicum, MD 21090  
(410) 636-2002
- **Holcim US, Inc.** / TDF – 42,400 scrap tires  
1260 Security Road  
Hagerstown, MD 21741  
(301) 739-1150
- **Wheelabrator Baltimore SP (BRESKO)** / SWAF – 4,847 scrap tires  
1801 Annapolis Road  
Baltimore, MD 21230  
(410) 234-0808





# Scrap Tire Cleanups

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- Since 1992, over **11.1 million** scrap tires have been recovered from **1,176** illegal stockpile sites, but **new sites are discovered each year.**
- MDE works to identify illegal stockpiles in partnership with Counties and local municipalities.
- When a site is identified, MDE will work to identify the property owner, inform them of the clean up requirement, and if necessary, use enforcement actions to ensure the clean up occurs.
  - MDE can organize State-funded cleanups to ensure removal of the scrap tires.



# Scrap Tire Cleanups

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- Property owners have 3 options:
  - Option 1 – hire a licensed scrap tire hauler
  - Option 2 – apply for a scrap tire hauler license
  - Option 3 – get a temporary scrap tire hauler license waiver





# Compliance & Enforcement

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- Goal = compliance
  - Licensing, semi-annual reports
  - Correspondence – letters, notices, etc.
  - Inspections
    - Investigate complaints
    - Licensed facilities
    - Unlicensed facilities
    - Stockpile sites
  - Enforcement actions





# Compliance & Enforcement

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- Enforcement Actions
  - Site Complaints
  - Notices of Violation (NOVs)
  - Referrals to Office of the Attorney General (OAG)
    - “Last Chance Letter”
    - Administrative Complaint, Order, and Penalty (Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH))
    - Civil Complaint, Order and Penalty (Circuit Court)
    - Settlement Agreement
  - Referrals to Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit (ECU)
    - Criminal Investigation
    - Criminal Prosecution



# MDE's Authority

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- MDE is limited to enforcing Maryland's scrap tire laws and regulations.
  - MDE cannot enforce county and local laws, regulations, codes, order, etc.
  - MDE only regulates scrap tires.
  - MDE does not regulate used tires.



# Scrap Tires vs Used Tires

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- Many tire shops sell new and used tires and generate scrap tires.
- MDE only regulates and licenses for scrap tires.
- To determine if a tire is scrap or used, MDE refers to the definitions in the regulations (COMAR).
  - **Scrap Tire**
  - **Used Tire**
  - **Adjustment Tire**



# Used Tires...Allegedly

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# Used tires...allegedly

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# What the Fire Marshal and County and Local Governments Can Do:

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- Enforce your local laws, regulations, codes, orders.
  - Sometimes local ordinances are more stringent than State laws and regulations.
  - Sometimes county and local agencies can move more quickly than MDE.
- Enforce NFPA standards and county and local Fire Codes.
  - These can apply to **new, used, and scrap tires**.
  - MDE can only enforce for scrap tires, but Fire Marshal can enforce for all types of tires.
    - **Howard County Fire Marshal has shut sites down using the fire codes for # of tires allowed on site, based on size of site.**



# Illegal Dumping of Scrap Tires

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- Serious problem - occurs throughout Maryland.
- Costs taxpayers and private property owners hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to clean up.
  - Report illegal dumping
    - Call MDE's Solid Waste Program at 410-537-3315
    - Call MDE's Scrap Tire Unit at 410-537-3314
    - Call Maryland's Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit (ECU) at 410-537-3333
  - Find approved facilities that accept scrap tires
    - Contact your county's solid waste division or
    - Call MDE's Scrap Tire Unit at 410-537-3314
    - Go to MDE's website at [MDE.Maryland.gov](http://MDE.Maryland.gov)



# Revised Scrap Tire Regulations

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- MDE is proposing to overhaul and modernize the state's scrap tire regulations.
- The revised draft regulations would:
  - Increase regulated community's navigation and understanding of the regulations;
  - Update the scrap tire licenses or approvals application and terms and conditions to reflect changes in federal and state laws and in MDE practices regarding the regulation of scrap tires;
  - Enhance MDE's ability to regulate the management of scrap tires in Maryland;
  - Provide stakeholders with more flexibility in handling and cleaning up scrap tires; and
  - Make necessary formatting and clarifying changes to the over 30 years old scrap tire regulations.



# MDE's Scrap Tire Unit

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