

Tire Accountability Program (TAP)

Tire Collection Centers

What is a tire collection center? A “tire collection center” is a site where tires are collected from tire generators, tire transporters, or the public before being recycled or disposed of by a used tire program.

What is a Used Tire Program? A “Used Tire Program” (UTP) is a program that receives funding from the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and is operated by a regional solid waste management board or an inter-district used tire program.

Eligibility for reimbursements: Each UTP must establish at least one (1) tire collection center in each county served by the UTP. A resident of the district they reside can discard up to four (4) used tires of any size at a tire collection center each month, or more often at the discretion of the district. To be eligible for reimbursements the district must fulfill all of the following requirements (§8-9-405):

- Be included in a solid waste management system (§8-9-101 *et. seq.*)
- Be included in a solid waste management district’s recycling program (§8-9-203)
- Have a used-tire management plan, including a schedule for the identification and cleanup of waste tire sites
- Encourage the voluntary establishment of tire-collection centers by tire retailers, tire processing facilities, and solid waste disposal facilities to receive tires generated in Arkansas

Tire Collection Permits (General Permit)

A tire collection center general permit is required for any of the following:

- A tire retreading business that keeps tires from tire generators, tire transporters, or the public, prior to the tires being recycled or disposed of by a UTP, on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the tire retreading business
- An individual who, in the ordinary course of business, removes tires from the rim if these tires are stored for more than than ninety (90) calendar days on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the individual
- A tire retailer that keeps tires from other tire generators, tire transporters, or the public, prior to the tires being recycled or disposed of by a UTP, on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the tire retailer
- A used tire program

Permit fees: The initial tire-collection center general permit fee is \$200 and is submitted on Form TAP-6. Annual tire-collection general-permit fees are \$50 and are due on June 30th along with the Annual Report (Form TAP-5).

Are tire collection center permits transferable? General permits are not transferrable.

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Recordkeeping

All records of information regarding the activities of each tire collection center must be retained on-site for three (3) years. This includes certifications, monitoring results, and closure cost estimates (APC&EC Reg. 36.1505).

Annual Report

The annual report for a given calendar year must be submitted by June 30th for the previous calendar years activities using Form TAP-5.

Inspections

Owners or operators must inspect their tire collection facility at least once per week based on a written inspection schedule. The inspection must include equipment, safety and emergency equipment, security devices, and site conditions including tire storage areas, vegetative growth, and buildings. (APC&EC Reg. 36.1506).

Tire Storage

Storage limits: At each site, a permitted tire collection center can collect a maximum of five thousand (5000) loose tires or a maximum of ten thousand (10,000) compacted and baled tires. The maximum dimensions of a tire storage area must not exceed an area of 50 feet by 100 feet and must not exceed 15 feet in height (50' width x 100' length x 15' height).

Water management: Each storage area must be located more than 200 feet away from wetland areas. Storage areas must be designed and managed to divert storm water or floodwater around and away from tire storage areas.

Signage: Each tire storage area should have clear signage indicating the type of used tires, waste tires, used tires culled for resale, and tires.

Other applicable storage requirements are located in APC&EC Reg. 36.1508.

Financial Assurance

Financial assurance is not initially required for tire-collection centers. However, after a general permit has been issued for a tire-collection center, if ADEQ determines financial assurance is necessary the permittee will be notified in writing.