

## Tire Accountability Program (TAP)

### Waste Tire Sites

**What is a waste tire?** “Waste tire” means a worn, damaged, or defective tire that is land disposed because it is no longer repairable, reusable, or suitable for its original intended purpose.

**What is a waste-tire site?** A “waste tire site” is a location where unpermitted used tires are accumulated. This includes tires that may be loosely stored, compacted, and baled, or a combination of both loosely stored and compacted and baled.

**Waste tire sites do not include:**

- Locations where only new tires are stored
- Locations that are authorized to store tires by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ)
- Locations that are authorized to store tires by regulations promulgated by the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (APC&EC).

**Waste tires originating from a tire manufacturer** are new tires that originate from a tire-assembly process but that are determined by the manufacturer to be defective or unfit for use on a vehicle.

**No person shall maintain a waste-tire site.** It is illegal to dispose of tires, used tires, or portions of tires in Arkansas unless the tires, used tires, or portions of the tires are disposed of for processing or collected for processing at a permitted tire-processing facility, a tire-collection center, or a permitted solid-waste disposal landfill.

**When an unpermitted waste-tire site is discovered:** Upon receiving written notification from ADEQ that a waste-tire site has been discovered, a waste-tire management plan should be submitted in writing to ADEQ. The management plan must include the waste-tire site’s location, size, and approximate quantity of waste tires, as well as an implementation schedule. Waste-tire management plans are subject to review and approval by ADEQ.

**At a minimum, to a close a waste-tire site, the owner or operator should:**

- Stop public access to the site
- Post a notice indicating the site is closed and provide the location of the nearest permitted site to accept waste or used tires
- Notify ADEQ and applicable local governments when closure commences
- Remove all waste tires, recyclable tires, used tires culled for resale, processed tires, and residuals and ship them to a permitted used-tire program by a licensed used-tire transporter
- Restore the site by effectively promoting surface water flow and removing soil contamination
- Notify ADEQ, in writing, within five-calendar days (5) of completing closure activities