

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Waste Management Policy 08-01

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Waste Tire Management at Salvage Yards
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Purpose

This Bureau of Waste Management policy will serve to clarify the waste tire regulations as they apply to salvage yards that, in the course of their normal business, sell used tires and also send waste tires for disposal.

Salvage Yards

Any salvage yard that sells used tires is defined as a “tire retailer” by KSA 65-3424. This statute defines a tire retailer as “a person in the business of selling new or used replacement tires at retail.” The salvage yard must comply with all tire statutes and regulations found in KSA 65-3424 through 65-3424l as well as KAR 28-29-28 through 28-29-33. This includes establishing the value of their used tires as required by KAR 28-29-28a.

Other tire retailers may transport their own used and waste tires to a salvage yard that is also acting as a tire retailer under authority of KSA 65-3424a. When this happens, the salvage yard becomes the new owner of the waste and used tires and becomes responsible for their proper management and disposal.

Salvage yards may put up to four tires in each vehicle, in addition to the four tires on each vehicle, when the vehicle is being sent for recycling (crushing, shredding, smelting, or other means of metal recycling) without using a permitted waste tire transporter and/or a permitted disposal location. The Bureau of Waste Management considers transportation of the tires incidental to the transportation of the vehicles.

Metal Recyclers

Any Kansas salvage yard, salvage operation, or other metal recycler may crush, shred, or smelt vehicles with up to four tires inside, in addition to the four tires on the vehicle, without obtaining a waste tire processing permit. The Bureau of Waste Management considers processing the tires incidental to processing the vehicles.



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