

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Waste Management Policy 2015-P2
Disposal of Solid Rubber Tires

Purpose

This policy establishes that whole, solid rubber waste tires may be disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills and waste tire monofills in Kansas.

Background

The definitions, disposal requirements, and disposal prohibitions discussed in this policy are found in Kansas Statutes Annotated (K.S.A.) 65-3424 and 65-3424a(c).

The definition of “tire” includes both pneumatic (compressed air) rubber tires and solid rubber tires. In general, waste tires must be processed, i.e., cut or baled, before they may be disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill or waste tire monofill. The requirement to process waste tires prior to disposal was intended for pneumatic tires which, if unprocessed, are difficult to compact, hold water, and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. One of the statutory exceptions to the processing requirement is for “contaminated waste tires” because tires filled with dirt, mud, etc. are difficult, dangerous, and costly to process.

Just like contaminated tires, solid rubber tires are unsuitable for processing. Solid rubber tires will not retain water and will not inhibit normal compaction practices. Therefore, applying the processing requirement to solid rubber tires imposes a burden on the regulated community with no environmental benefit.

Action

Solid rubber tires may be disposed of in municipal solid waste landfills and waste tire monofills without being processed.

This policy does not affect the regulation and management of solid rubber tires at any facility other than a municipal solid waste landfill or waste tire monofill, nor does it affect any other rules related to the accumulation, storage, transportation, or disposal of waste tires.

This policy will remain in effect until it is revoked or until it is rendered obsolete by future amendments to solid waste law or regulations.



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