

Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Bureau of Waste Management Policy 2011-P2
related to
Cutting Sidewalls out of Tires for Landfill Disposal
effective January 24, 2011

Purpose

This policy allows an additional option for processing waste tires without prior approval by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE).

Background

KSA 65-3424a establishes the criteria for vehicle tire disposal in Kansas, including the requirement that tires be processed prior to disposal in a landfill. KAR 28-29-29(b) establishes the specific ways in which a tire must be processed prior to disposal at a landfill. Additionally, KAR 28-29-29(b)(7) allows the use of an equivalent volume-reduction process that has received prior approval, in writing, from the secretary.

KDHE has reviewed and approved multiple requests for cutting the sidewalls out of waste passenger tires, and for cutting the sidewalls out and also making at least one cut across the tread for larger tires. These methods of processing reduce the volume of the tire by at least 50% and prevent the tire from retaining water. KDHE has therefore approved all requests for this method of processing.

Action

Anyone may use the following methods to process waste tires for landfill disposal without receiving individual written approval from KDHE:

- For passenger tires, cutting out the sidewalls; or
- For larger tires, cutting the sidewalls out and also making at least one cut across the tread.

This policy is a substitute for individual written approvals. Please note that landfills retain the right to refuse any waste, including tires processed under this policy.

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



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