

Scrap Tire FAQs

What is the Ontario Tire Stewardship program?

Ontario Tire Stewardship is an industry funding organization established by Waste Diversion Ontario to divert tires from landfill. For more information visit www.rethinktires.ca.

What does it cost to recycle electronics?

Environmental fees collected when you purchase your new tires are used to pay for recycling your old ones. You should not have to pay any additional fees for recycling your tires as long as the scrap tires were generated after August 2009 and you drop them off at a Collector who is registered with Ontario Tire Stewardship.

What happens to my scrap tires?

In Ontario, 99% of used tires are recycled into new rubber products. Examples of recycled rubber products include: rubber mulch, carpet underlay, soaker hoses, roof shingles, parking curbs, sub flooring, traffic cold bases, car mats, athletic flooring, paving stones, speed bumps, mouse pads and commercial flooring.

Do you accept tires at your drop off location?

We don't accept tires at our recycling depot.

Can I drop off household garbage at your location?

We don't accept household garbage at our facility. You may dispose of your household garbage at the solid waste and recycling facility located at 5405 Mapleward Road, Thunder Bay.

Do you rent dumpsters, bins or roll-offs?

Yes we do. For more information visit www.thunderbaybinrental.com.

Issues Specific to the General Public...

Where can I drop off my scrap tires for recycling?

Your local tire dealer or garage should be able to help you dispose of your scrap tires. You can also visit www.rethinktires.ca to locate a collection site near you.

I found tires on my property, what can I do with them?

You may be eligible for a special tire collection. Special tire collections are authorized by Ontario Tire Stewardship. Call toll-free 1-888-687-2202 and explain your situation and ask if you are eligible for a special tire collection. Be sure to explain that Pack Pros Plus is willing to provide collection services if authorized.

Do you offer a pick up service to residents in Thunder Bay who have scrap tires to be recycled?

We don't offer a pick up service to residents in Thunder Bay who have scrap tires for recycle.

Can I buy scrap tires from you?

We don't sell scrap tires to the general public or other businesses.

Will you buy my scrap tires?

We don't buy scrap tires from the general public or other businesses.

Issues Specific to Unregistered Tire Collectors...

Will you pick up my tires?

We will pick up your tires as long as you are registered with the Ontario tire stewardship program as a Generator / Collector. You must also have a QR code, supplied by OTS, available for us to scan at the time of pick up.

How do I know if I am a registered Tire Collector?

If you are registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship program you will have a registration number and a QR code. If you are not sure how to find out please contact us and we can help you find out.

I have a stockpile of tires, what can I do with them?

Speak with your local tire dealer to find out if they can help you. You may also be eligible for a special tire collection. Special tire collections are authorized by Ontario Tire Stewardship. Call toll-free 1-888-687-2202 and explain your situation to determine if you are eligible for a special tire collection. Be sure to explain that Pack Pros Plus is willing to provide collection services if authorized.

My business that collects / generates scrap tires. What do I have to do to have Pack Pros Plus pick up my scrap tires picked up?

You have to be registered with Ontario Tire Stewardship in order for us to pick up your scrap tires. We can pick up your tires as soon as you receive a registration number from Ontario Tire Stewardship. You will be provided with a QR code that we must scan when we pick up your tires. Please make sure the QR code is located in a position which is accessible to our driver at the time of pickup.

How can I become a Collector / Generator?

If your business collects or generates scrap tires, you need to register with Ontario Tire Stewardship. You will be asked to fill in a registration form and provide basic business information. You will also be asked to maintain records of the where your scrap tires come from and submit a report on a quarterly basis. In return, Ontario Tire Stewardship will pay you a collection incentive for each tire you recycle and cover the cost to have your tires picked up and responsibly recycled.

What is the difference between a Collector and Generator of scrap tires?

Collectors accept scrap tires from the general public. Generators don't collect scrap tires from the general public. Their scrap tires originate from their own vehicles. We provide free pickup for Collectors and Generators as long as you have a valid registration number from Ontario Tire Stewardship.

Issues Specific to Registered Tire Collectors...**Do you offer a pick up service to businesses in Northwestern Ontario with scrap tires to be recycled?**

We offer a free pickup service to businesses located in Northwestern Ontario who are registered collectors and generators of scrap tires under the Ontario Tire Stewardship program. Please use the online form to arrange for pick up.

I am registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship program, how do I arrange to have my tires picked up?

Please fill out our online form to schedule a tire pick up. You can also call us at (807)344-8799 to book a pick up.

When do you pickup tires?

We do tire pickups Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.

Do you do pickups on holidays?

We don't do pickups on the following holidays: New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, August Civic Holiday, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Do you supply dumpster bins to tire collectors?

If you are a tire collector located in Thunder Bay, you may be eligible to receive a free dumpster for your scrap tires. Please contact us at 344-8799 for details.

Do you accept tires on rims?

Yes, we will accept tires on rims.

Do you accept big tires (tractor, off road, machinery, lawnmower)?

Yes, we accept tractor, off road, machinery and lawn mower tires.

Do you accept motorcycle tires?

Yes, we accept motorcycle tires.

Do you accept tire tubes?

Tire tubes are not accepted under the Ontario Tire Stewardship program. However, as a service to our clients, we will accept tire tubes when we pick up your scrap tires.

Do you accept tires that are painted, foam-filled, studded or have screws, bolts or other hardware?

Ontario Tire Stewardship guidelines require that all foreign objects are removed from tires prior to collection. However, as a service to our clients, we will accept these types of tires when we pick up your other program tires.

Do you accept bicycle tires?

Stewardship fees are not paid on bicycle tires; therefore, we don't accept them.

Do you accept airplane tires?

Airplane tires are excluded from the Ontario Tire Stewardship program; therefore, we cannot accept airplane tires.