



CONNECTICUT'S TIRE STEWARDSHIP LAW

**Tom Metzner Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Solid Waste Advisory Committee June 29, 2023**

AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR TIRES (PUBLIC ACT 23-62)

- **Intent**

- **Virtually eliminate illegal tire dumping**
- **Save municipalities money in avoided disposal fees**
- **Create new markets**

- **Awaiting Governor's signature**



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Key Dates

- January 1, 2025
 - Producers must join a stewardship organization and submit a plan to DEEP
 - 90 days after submittal of the plan the department must make a decision to approve or ask for more information
 - 120 days after plan approval the PRO(s) must implement the plan
 - Estimated start date – Fall 2025



WHICH TIRES ARE COVERED?

Includes

- Passenger car
- Motor cycles
- Trucks
- Busses
- Non-commercial aircraft
- Agricultural, mining, logging, and industrial
- “vehicle that provides mobility” Golf carts? ATVs?



Does Not Include

- Bicycle tires
- Toys
- Commercial aircraft
- Personal mobility devices – scooters, wheelchairs



COVERED ENTITIES

Covered entities are “any permitted transfer station, tire retailer, car dealership, automotive garage, private or public sector fleet maintenance garage or other location identified in the approved stewardship plan”

Covered entities are not required to participate but stewardship plan must include enough locations to provide for free and convenient access.



PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- Establish a state-wide collection system utilizing covered entities
- Provide access to the collection system to the public, free of charge, for the drop-off of discarded tires
- Ensure discarded tires are picked up from the collection system and transported for recycling



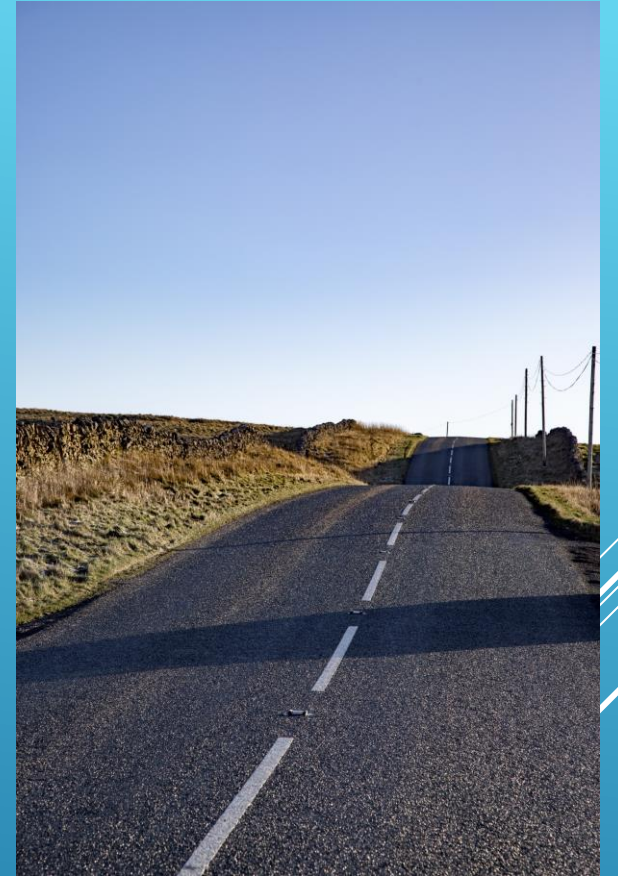
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- Ensure all discarded tires collected in the collection system are resold or recycled
- Provide storage containers
- Implement public education
- Assist in market development to achieve performance goals
- Finance all program activities solely through producer funding



OTHER PROVISIONS

- Stewardship Plan posted on DEEP website for public comment
- Sales prohibition for brands not registered
- Conn DOT testing of rubber modified asphalt
- No fee for discarded tires from participating locations
- Opt in for municipalities
- Annual reports and program audits



NEXT STEPS (PENDING GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE)

- **Conversations with Stakeholders**
 - **US Tire Manufacturers Association**
 - **Tire Processors**
 - **Municipalities**
 - **Others**
- **Conn DOT study on RMA**

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Link to Public Act

<https://cga.ct.gov/2023/ACT/PA/PDF/2023PA-00062-R00HB-06486-PA.PDF>