

2.05 SCRAP TIRE LICENSES AND APPROVALS

- ❑ *Question: Am I accumulating, storing, hauling, recycling or processing scrap tires?*

Why do I need this approval?

Any person who accumulates, stores, hauls, recycles or processes scrap tires as tire derived fuel (TDF) will require the appropriate authorization. The necessary licenses or approvals are listed below.

A Scrap Tire Hauler License is for persons who, as part of a commercial business, transport more than five scrap tires annually to or from a scrap tire facility licensed or approved by the Department.

A Scrap Tire Collection Facility License is for facilities which accumulate scrap tires temporarily and transfer the tires to other scrap tire facilities licensed or approved by the Department. The categories are based on the number of scrap tires at a site at any one time:

a) General Scrap Tire Collection Facility - accumulates no more than 50 scrap tires on site at any one time.

b) Secondary Scrap Tire Collection Facility - accumulates up to 1,500 scrap tires on the site at any one time.

c) Primary Scrap Tire Collection Facility - accumulates more than 1,500 scrap tires are on site at any one time.

A Scrap Tire Recycler License is for facilities that recycle or process scrap tires into raw materials or products that may be returned to the marketplace.

A Tire Derived Fuel or Substitute Fuel Facility Approval is for permission to utilize scrap tires (whole or chipped) as a fuel or supplemental fuel.

A Solid Waste Acceptance Facility Approval is to authorize the processing of scrap tires at any permitted landfill, incinerator, transfer station, or processing facility.

What laws or regulations give MDE the legal authority to issue this approval?

STATE: §9-228 Environment Article, Annotated Code of Maryland; COMAR 26.04.08.

What is the process to get this approval?

1) An applicant submits a completed application and the required information.

2) The Department may conduct a public information meeting for a primary scrap tire collection facility, scrap tire recycling facility or scrap tire derived fuel or substitute fuel facility.

Before I apply for this approval, do I need to get any approvals from the local or federal government?

Proper zoning from the county is required if the proposed facility is designated by the Maryland Environmental Service (MES) as a "scrap tire recycling system."

Any scrap tire facility that wants to be included in the scrap tire recycling system must make application to the MES and submit the following:

1) Certification by the county or municipal corporation that the facility meets all applicable zoning and land use requirements.

2) A letter from the county stating that the facility is in conformance with the county solid waste management plan and that the facility will be included in the next update of the plan.

3) Applicants applying to become part of a scrap tire recycling system must provide financial assurance documentation and certified financial statements.

Is this approval directly related or contingent on other approvals?

No.

How long should I expect it to take to get this approval once I submit a complete application?

Type of Approval	Turnaround Time
Scrap Tire Hauler, General and Secondary Scrap Tire Collection Facility	60 days
Scrap Tire Solid Waste Acceptance Facility and TDF/Substitute Fuel Facility	7 months
Primary Collection Facility and Scrap Tire Recyclers	9 months

Once I get this approval, how long will it last?

All scrap tire licenses and approvals must be renewed every five years. General scrap tire collection facility licenses have no expiration date.

How much will this approval cost?

No fee.

Who do I contact with additional questions?

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