

What is the Used Tires Program all about?

The Used Tires Program will implement a managed scrap tire solution for On-road and Off-road tires supplied into the Ontario market, diverting these tires away from burning and landfilling to 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) end uses. This industry-led program includes a network of collection locations across Ontario where people will be able to drop off their used tires for no charge, and be assured they will be reused, recycled or disposed of in an environmentally responsible way.

Why Does Ontario need a Used Tire Program?

Ontario will now be equipped to recycle on-road and off-road used tires while benefiting the entire province environmentally and economically, diverting them away from disposal in landfills or by burning. The Used Tires Program will remove tire stockpiles as well as recycle tires into household, commercial and automotive products, creating green jobs and economic benefits right here in Ontario.

How will the Used Tire Program work?

The Used Tires Program is funded by Brand Owners and First Importers of tires, called Stewards, who will remit a Tire Stewardship Fee (TSF) to OTS for every tire supplied into the Ontario market. These funds will be used exclusively to pay for the program including collection, transportation, reuse and recycling, processing, research and development, and consumer education. None of the funds will go to government. Financial incentives will be provided for OTS registered organizations that collect, transport, and process Used Tires or manufacture recycled products in accordance with the Terms & Conditions explained in the Program Plan.

How is the program being funded?

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What are Tire Stewardship Fees (TSFs)?

TSFs are fees paid by Stewards for every tire sold/supplied into the Ontario market. The stewards remit these fees to Ontario Tire Stewardship to fund the Used Tires Program. Refer to the [TSF Fee Chart](#) Page located in the Steward section page for more information.

Is the Tire Stewardship Fee a tax?

The Tire Stewardship Fee (TSF) is not a tax. The TSF is levied by Ontario Tire Stewardship, an industry funded organization of brand owners and first importers of tires. It is used to fund the management of used tires including the collection, transportation and processing costs of used tires, and the remediation of tire stockpiles. None of the funds collected from the TSF will go to government.

What tire types are included in the program?

Under the Ontario Tire Stewardship, The Township of St. Joseph is eligible to collect these tire types:

1. On-Road Passenger & Light Truck Tires

Includes tires designed for use on:

- passenger cars, light trucks, small Recreational Vehicles and multipurpose passenger vehicles (MPVs), including sport utility vehicles (SUVs) and crossover utility vehicles
- consumer or commercial light trucks, under 10,000 lbs/4500 kg Gross Vehicle Weight. Passenger and Light Truck tires must comply with Motor Vehicle Tire Safety Regulations
- motorcycles, motorcycle sidecars, motor bikes, mopeds, mini-cycles, and golf carts, whether on or off highway.

Tires that are **not included** under the Program include:

- Push lawn mower tires
- Tires on Toys
- Bicycle tires
- Personal mobility device tires
- Commercial aircraft tires

What is the difference between used, scrap tires, and reusable tires?

Used tires are the tires removed from a vehicle that still have life as tires and can be sold for reuse. Scrap tires no longer have life as tires and are destined for recycling into tire-derived products. A reusable tire is a tire that can be used again for its originally intended purpose without any mechanical processing.

How much will it cost me to drop off my used tires?

As a resident of Ontario, the approved Used Tires Program allows you to drop off up to four (4) tires at no charge to any Collector registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship. The types of tires dropped off must be part of the collection location's normal business operations. For a list of collection locations in your area and the types of tires they collect, visit the [Find a Collector](#) page.

As a farmer how do I dispose of my tractor tires?

As a farmer operating in Ontario, the approved Used Tires Program allows you to drop off at no charge up to four (4) tires to any Collectors registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship who accepts tractor tires (e.g. tractor dealers). For a list of collection locations in your area and the types of tires they collect, visit the [Find a Collector](#) page.

Have more than four (4) tires? [Contact us](#) to find out the right option for your situation.

Where do the used tires go?

Your tires will now find new life through Ontario-based scrap tire processors and manufacturers in end-of-life products for home, commercial and industrial uses from playgrounds and hockey rinks to rubber automotive parts. Through the Used Tires Program the need to transport used tires to other provinces or export to foreign countries will be significantly reduced and ultimately eliminated.

Are the TSF and the old disposal fees the same thing?

No, under the approved Used Tires Program there is no disposal fee charged to program tires dropped off at registered Collectors, or for old tires when purchasing new tires. The TSF paid by program Stewards may be passed through to consumers, either as a separate line on the invoice or included in the price of new tires.