

\$ Funds Available To Reimburse Stream Teams for Waste Tire Disposal! \$



The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has monies available to reimburse the disposal costs for tires collected during volunteer cleanups of land and water resources. To ease the upfront cost of disposal, a Revolving Tire Fund was created through the Department of Conservation. The Missouri Stream Team Program is the official custodian of the Chuck and Sharon Tryon Revolving Tire Fund. Together, DNR and Missouri Stream Team can help Stream Teams get tires out of our streams. Here's how it works:

- 1** **Prior to your cleanup**, carefully estimate the number of tires you anticipate collecting, locate a tire disposal facility, and get a disposal cost estimate. Find out if the disposal facility will invoice Missouri Stream Team for the disposal cost (preferred), or if they will require payment at the time of tire drop off.
- 2** Provide Missouri Stream Team with information about your cleanup, including location, date, how many tires you estimate collecting, a tire disposal cost estimate, and whether the disposal fee is required upfront. ***If possible, this information should be provided at least three weeks before your cleanup.***
- 3** Stream Team staff will then submit a *Non-Profit Scrap Tire Cleanup and Disposal Application* to DNR on your behalf.
- 4** Once the application is approved, Stream Team staff will contact your Team with the "green light" to clean away, and provide you with funds if needed.
- 5** After the cleanup, bring the tires to a reputable tire disposal facility and request that an invoice be sent to Missouri Stream Team, or provide payment with Stream Team funds if required. Note that disposal fees for tires collected in excess of the approved, estimated number will not be eligible for reimbursement.
- 6** Submit an invoice or paid receipt to Missouri Stream Team. We will pay the invoice and receive reimbursement from DNR.

This process saves your Team the hassle of doing paperwork and from fronting the dollars for tire disposal, both very good things. To participate, contact Stream Team staff at 1-800-781-1989 or by e-mail at streamteam@mdc.mo.gov. Or, visit www.mostreamteam.org to learn more.

See back page for more options 

Other options to consider:

If your group has non-profit status

- 1** Submit a *Non-Profit Scrap Tire Cleanup and Disposal Application* to the DNR Solid Waste Management program Scrap Tire Unit. The form can be found at www.mostreamteam.org or www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirecost.htm. You may request a paper form by calling 573/751-5401. ***If possible, this form should be completed prior to your cleanup. Applications submitted after tire collection occurs may not be eligible for reimbursement.***
- 2** DNR will notify you of approval by returning the approved application form.
- 3** After the cleanup, take tires to a legal disposal facility (retailer, recycler, processor, etc.). A list of approved waste tire haulers and processing facilities is available at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirelist.htm or by calling 573/751-5401.
- 4** Submit a *Non-Profit Scrap Tire Cleanup and Disposal Invoice*, along with an original receipt from the disposal location indicating the number of tires and signed by the facility, to DNR's Scrap Tire Unit.
- 5** DNR will issue a check for the disposal fees incurred. You will be reimbursed for the cost of disposal or at \$2.00 per tire, whichever is less. Note that disposal fees for tires collected in excess of the approved, estimated number will not be eligible for reimbursement.



Detailed instructions are available at www.dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2277.pdf. If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Solid Waste Management Program at 573/751-5401 or swmp@dnr.mo.gov. Or visit www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/tires/tirecost.htm for more information.

- M**any tire disposal operators have donated their services to Stream Teams in the past. Pursuing donated services for tire disposal will allow DNR funds to be spent in locations where they are truly needed.
- S**olid Waste Management Districts often sponsor free collection days. A list of districts and contact persons can be found at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swmp/swmd/swmdinfo.htm. Consider contacting your District before planning your next litter pickup event.
- B**ridgestone has launched the One Team, One Planet Spent Tire Program to help local watershed groups across the country with tire disposal. They require a simple, one-page online form to be completed prior to your cleanup. Visit www.oneteamoneplanet.com to learn more.

