



## WHAT IS THE SASKATCHEWAN SCRAP TIRE CORPORATION?

The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation (SSTC) is a non-profit, non-government agency that is responsible for the administration and management of the provincially legislated scrap tire recycling program. We are accountable to both the provincial government and the public. The SSTC manages the collection and processing of scrap tires for recycling and reuse, in order to eliminate disposal in local landfills.

## WHEN DID THE SASKATCHEWAN SCRAP TIRE PROGRAM START?

In 1990, 12 million scrap tires in Hagersville, Ontario caught fire and burned for over 17 days contaminating water wells and forcing over 1700 people to evacuate the toxic fumes. This caused Canadians to see firsthand, the negative effects that scrap tires had on the environment. Provincial Tire Stewardship Programs started to develop, including the SSTC which was established in 1996.

## WHO IS PART OF THE SSTC'S PROGRAM?

The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation includes the following participants:

1. Registered Tire Retailers: Sells new tires, removes used tires from vehicles and/or accepts used tires. The SSTC has over 1,350 Registered Tire Retailers.
2. Consumers: Users of tires or new tire purchasers.
3. Collectors: Picks up and delivers used tires to Registered Processors for recycling. The SSTC works with 4 Registered Collectors.
4. Processors: Accepts used tires that may have gone toward burning and land filling, and instead recycles them into a range of tire-derived products that can be used to manufacture product. Saskatchewan is home to two Registered Processors.

## WHAT ARE TIRE REMITTANCE FEES (TRFS)?

The SSTC Program relies on a user pay principle, which means that the consumer of the tire bears the responsibility for the product once it has reached the end of its useful life. All of the fees are used solely for the recycling of scrap tires and administration of the scrap tire program.

The TRF applies wherever the first retail sale (or deemed sale) of a new tire takes place in Saskatchewan. This includes sales to non-residents that are completed within the province of Saskatchewan.

The SSTC sets the tire recycling fee that is to be charged at the point-of-sale of all new tires. All rates are registered and approved by the Ministry of Environment. Refer to the [Tire Recycling Fee Schedule Page](#) located in the Retailer section page for more information.

## IS THE TIRE RECYCLING FEE A TAX?

The Tire Recycling Fee (TRF) is not a tax. The TRF is levied by the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation, an industry-led organization comprised of those involved with or affected by scrap tire issues. It is used to fund the management of used tires including the collection, transportation and processing costs of used tires, and the clean-up of landfills and private stockpiles. None of the funds collected from the TRF will go to government.

## WHAT TIRE TYPES ARE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM?

**Under the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation there are 5 eligible tire types:**

- Passenger Car/Light Truck
- Medium Truck
- Agricultural
- OTR I
- OTR II

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

- Wheelbarrow tires
- Wheelchair/electric mobility aid tires
- Any tire with a rim size of less than 7"

For more detailed definitions, please review the [Tire Recycling Fee Schedule](#).

## WHAT ABOUT BICYCLE TIRES?

Bicycle tires are not typically part of the SSTC's regular program in that there are no recycling fees attached to the sale of a new bike tire. However, there is a voluntary recycling partnership between supporting bike retailers



in Saskatchewan and the SSTC. The bike tire recycling program works with the existing scrap tire collection and recycling programs, funded by the SSTC.

Recycling bike tires is easy; simply take it to one of the Participating Bike Retailers listed on our [Bike Tire Recycling Program page](#).

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME TO DROP OFF MY USED TIRES?

If the Tire Recycling Fee has already been paid on your tires, you can return them to the Tire Retailer or Auto Dealer where you initially purchased them from at no charge. It is also recommended that when you purchase a new set of tires, that you leave your old set behind for free so they can be recycled properly.

Our new Return2Retailer Program also allows Saskatchewan residents to return up to 10 rimless, scrap tires at no charge to select Canadian Tire, Kal Tire and Quality Tire locations throughout the province. For more information on participating locations, view our [Return2Retailer page](#).

## AS A FARMER HOW DO I DISPOSE OF MY TRACTOR TIRES?

Before the Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation's program, used tires were often stockpiled on private property and farmland because there was no other disposal option available. Phase III of our program called Black Gold Rush works with Rural Municipalities and focuses on the clean-up of these tires throughout the province at no cost to the rate-payer. To view our pick-up map for when we will be in your area or to register online, please visit [www.scraptire.sk.ca/black-gold-rush/](http://www.scraptire.sk.ca/black-gold-rush/).

## WHERE DO THE USED TIRES GO?

The Saskatchewan Scrap Tire Corporation works with independent businesses located in Saskatchewan to ensure that scrap tires are disposed of properly. The SSTC has four registered Collectors who travel around the province collecting scrap tires from over 1,350 Registered Retailers. The tires are then transported to one of two recycling facilities located in Saskatchewan where they are recycled and repurposed into usable, marketable items such as playground surfaces, road paving material, patio blocks, shingles, mats and a whole lot more. For more information on products and locations, please view our [Products page](#).

## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT SSTC AND THE SCRAP TIRE PROGRAM?

Be sure to keep checking this website for the latest news and information on our programs as we always continue to update the site with important news, events and announcements. You can also like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/SKScrapTire](http://www.facebook.com/SKScrapTire) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/SKScrapTire](http://www.twitter.com/SKScrapTire).

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