

Newfoundland & Labrador
USED TIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
Frequently Asked Questions

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REGISTRATION

Q1. What is the process for registering with the Used Tire Management Program?

A1. All Tire Suppliers and Collectors in the province must complete and submit a Used Tire Management Program registration form to the Multi-Materials Stewardship Board (MMSB). Click [here](#) to download an electronic copy of the program registration form. To receive a hardcopy of the registration form, call toll-free 1-800-901-MMSB (6672) or email cyoung@mmsb.nl.ca. Submission instructions are included on the registration form.

Upon receipt and approval of a completed registration form, MMSB will issue a Registration Number and indicate whether a Tire Supplier is registered as a Remitter or Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier. Collectors will also be issued a registration number.

Q2. Do I have to register on an annual basis?

A2. No, you only have to register once with MMSB. However, Tire Suppliers are required to notify MMSB of any changes to their registration information by completing the applicable fields on the program registration form and resubmitting the updated information to MMSB.

Also note that if you sell or cease operations, you are required to notify MMSB in writing as soon as possible to ensure your account is properly closed. Until MMSB receives written notice, you remain registered as a Tire Supplier and are obligated to meet requirements under the Waste Management Regulations. Written notices can be submitted by email to cyoung@mmsb.nl.ca or in hardcopy to the attention of Compliance Auditor at MMSB, 6 Mount Carson Avenue, Dorset Building, Suite 300, Mount Pearl, NL A1N 3K4.

Q3. As a Tire Supplier of highway/on-road tires, what happens if I don't register with MMSB or report and remit environmental fees to MMSB?

A3. As a supplier of program tires in Newfoundland and Labrador, you are required to register with MMSB and participate in the Used Tire Management Program. Tire Suppliers who do not meet their legal obligations under the program, are not permitted to supply tires in the province. In addition, failure to comply with the provisions of the Waste Management Regulations may result in any or all of the following actions:

- Auditing of the Tire Supplier;
- Legal proceedings to collect amounts owed;
- Application of a fine, in accordance with the Waste Management Regulations; and/or,
- Cancellation of the Tire Supplier's Registration and notification to provincial enforcement.

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Q1. How much is the environmental fee?

A1. The following environmental fees apply to the supply of all new highway tires in Newfoundland and Labrador:

- \$3.00 per tire – rim size 17 inches or less
- \$9.00 per tire – rim size greater than 17 inches and equal to or less than 24.5 inches

Q2: Is the environmental fee a tax?

A2: No. The environmental fee is a levy applied to the sale or distribution of the new tires and is used to fund the collection and processing costs.

Q3: Does the environmental fee apply to tires on new cars?

A3: Yes. The environmental fee applies to the four tires on a new car as well as the spare tire, if included, for a total of five tires.

Q4: Does the environmental fee apply to tires on trailers, RV's, etc.?

A4: Yes. An environmental fee must be applied on the supply of the following new highway tires with a rim diameter of 24.5 inches or less:

- Passenger and light truck tires
- Motorcycle tires, including dual purpose tires
- Camper tires
- Trailer tires (e.g. utility, cargo and equipment)
- Transport truck, bus, semi-trailer and dump truck tires

The environmental fee does not apply to tires for off-the-road (OTR) vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles (ATV), dirt bikes, forklifts, farm machinery and non-highway construction equipment or any tires with a rim diameter greater than 24.5 inches. Tire Suppliers can contact their regional waste management authority or municipality for information on proper disposal of non-program tires.

Q5: Are tires returned under warranty subject to the environmental fee?

A5. Where the tires are replaced under warranty at a charge to the consumer, the environmental fee is applied to the replacement tire(s) and must be remitted to MMSB. Where tires are replaced under manufacturer's warranty at no charge to the consumer, and the tire had a defect, the environmental fee is **not** applied to the replacement tires.

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Q6: Does the environmental fee apply to substituted or exchanged tires?

A6. If a tire is purchased and subsequently exchanged for a different style or brand, the environmental handling fee is applied and remitted only once – providing the original tire can still be sold as new.

Q7: Are leasing companies subject to the environmental fee?

A7. Yes.

Q8: If a customer buys four new program tires under a buy one, get one free promotion, does the fee apply to all four tires?

A8. Yes. The fee applies to all four tires to ensure the cost of collecting and processing is covered when the tires are returned for end-of-life management.

Q9. I own a small retail tire business. Can I pay the environmental fee to my supplier when I purchase my tires?

A9. Yes, providing you source program tires exclusively from Tire Suppliers who are currently registered with MMSB as a Remitter. If you meet this criterion, you can apply to the program to be a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier. As a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier you are required to pay applicable environmental fees to the Remitter, upon the purchase of new program tires, which in turn exempts you from reporting and remitting environmental fees to MMSB. However, Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Suppliers are required to collect used tires generated by consumers.

In addition, as a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier, you are subject to audits conducted by MMSB and are required to maintain and retain records of **all transactions** regarding program tires and provide the auditor with such information as reasonably required carrying out duties under the program.

Q10: I have a wholesale business, should I charge the environmental fee to tire retailers who are registered with MMSB's Used Tire Program?

A10: No, providing that the receiver is currently registered as a Remitter Tire Supplier with the program and proof of registration is provided. In this instance, the receiver of the product accepts full responsibility for reporting and remitting the environmental fee upon the subsequent supply of the program tires to its customers. It is important to note that as a wholesaler, you are required to record on the receiver's invoice the business name, address, registration number and the amount of the fee exempted. If you fail to provide this information during the auditing process, you will be charged all applicable environmental fees.

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Q11. Does the environmental fee apply to new tires or equipment with new tires shipped out of province?

A11. No, but the Tire Supplier is required to retain documentation relating to the out-of-province delivery to substantiate non-remittance of the environmental fee for that sale.

Q12. Does the environmental fee apply to new tires or equipment with new tires purchased in Newfoundland and Labrador by a non-resident?

A12. Yes. The environmental fee is applied to all program tires supplied to a consumer in the province whether or not that consumer is a resident of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Q14: Is the environmental fee taxable?

A14: Yes. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) considers the environmental fee applied to the supply of program tires a taxable service; therefore, Tire Suppliers are responsible for remitting HST on all environmental fees directly to CRA.

Q15: Are all Tire Suppliers required to report and remit to MMSB the environmental fee on the sale of new highway tires?

A15: No. Tire Suppliers registered with MMSB as a Remitter **must** report the supply of new highway tires, rim diameter 24.5 inches or less and remit the applicable fee per tire.

As the fee on the sale of each new highway tire supplied in the province is to be remitted to MMSB only once, a Tire Supplier is exempt from reporting the supply of new highway tires and remitting the applicable environmental fee to MMSB when either of the following occurs:

1. A Tire Supplier sources program tires exclusively from Remitter Tire Suppliers and has therefore been registered in the program as a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier. In this instance, a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier is required to pay applicable environmental fees to the Remitter, upon the purchase of new program tires. However, as a Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Supplier, you are subject to audits conducted by MMSB and you are also required to maintain and retain records of **all transactions** regarding program tires. Failure to provide this information during the auditing process will result in the environmental fee being charged.
2. A Tire Supplier sells or distributes new program tires on a wholesale basis to a receiver that is registered as a Remitter with MMSB and the receiver of the product accepts full responsibility for reporting and remitting the environmental fee upon the subsequent supply of the program tires to its customers. In this instance, in order to be exempt from reporting and remitting the environmental fee, the Tire Supplier must record on the receiver's invoice the business name, address, registration number and the amount of the fee exempted. Failure to provide this information during the auditing process will result in the environmental fee being charged.

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Q16: Should a Tire Supplier pass on the environmental fee to its customers?

A16: Remitter and Pay-on-Purchase (POP) Tire Suppliers can choose to recover the environmental fee by charging it to their customers. If the fee is passed through to the customer, the Tire Supplier must indicate the fee on the customer invoice or receipt. Remitters must report and remit the environmental fee on the supply of all tires, whether or not the fee has been collected from the customer.

USED TIRE COLLECTION

Q1. As a Tire Supplier, do I have to accept used tires from consumers?

A1. Yes. All Tire Suppliers registered with MMSB's Used Tire Management Program are required to accept program tires in an amount equal to new program tires supplied to their customers, annually. There is no maximum amount of program tires that a retailer can collect from consumers. Consumers may leave up to four program tires with any Tire Supplier at one time, at no additional charge, regardless of where the tires were purchased. Any business that is not a Tire Supplier, but wishes to collect program tires as a valued-added customer service, can register with MMSB as a Collector by completing the program registration form. All registered Collectors must arrange pick up of used tires in accordance with program requirements.

Q2. Do I have to accept all used tires?

A2. No. Tire Suppliers are required to only accept **program tires** from consumers and provide temporary storage, as per program guidelines. Tires for off-the-road (OTR) vehicles such as all-terrain vehicles (ATV), dirt bikes, forklifts, farm machinery and non-highway construction equipment or any tires with a rim diameter greater than 24.5 inches are **not** included in the program. Tire Suppliers can contact their regional waste management authority or municipality for information on proper disposal of non-program tires.

Q3. Why do used tires have to be in whole form?

A3. Tires must be in whole form as the configuration of tire processing equipment is designed to accept and process tires in this manner. Tire fragments may cause interference and/or damage to the equipment and therefore are not accepted.

Q4. How many used tires are required before I can arrange for pick-up?

A4. A minimum of 30 program tires are required for pick-up at one time. There is no maximum amount of used tires that can be scheduled for collection by MMSB at one time.

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Q5. Why are there a minimum number of 30 used tires required for collection by MMSB?

A5. A minimum of 30 program tires are required for pick-up in order to establish a financially viable and sustainable collection system.

Q6. What should I do with non-program and/or ineligible tires that have been dumped illegally at my business?

A6. Tire Suppliers are responsible for the proper disposal of illegally dumped tires on their private property. Suppliers can contact their local waste management authority for information on proper disposal. To prevent illegal dumping of non-program tires, store tires in a secure area, out of sight to the public. It is also suggested to affix signage on-site stating the area is under surveillance. If you have information about illegal tire dumping, you can call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Calls are not traced or recorded, and callers may choose to remain anonymous.

Q7. How do I store used tires to comply with the terms and conditions of the Used Tire Management Program?

A7. All tires must be temporarily stored as per the following guidelines:

- Stack tires.
- Ensure tires are in whole form and clean with the rims removed.
- Store tires in an accessible location that is clear of obstructions and debris – to allow direct loading onto the collection truck.
- Separate non-program tires (i.e. ATV, loader, etc.) from the storage pile.
- Store tires on a solid foundation to keep them free of dirt and to clear access for collection trucks.
- To help prevent illegal dumping, tires should be stored in a secure area, out of sight to the public.

Q8. How does a Tire Supplier or Collector arrange for MMSB to pick-up of used tires?

A8. Tire Suppliers and Collectors can contact MMSB at any time during regular business hours to schedule pick-up of used tires. Call MMSB's Field Operations Officer at (709) 753 0955 or toll free at 1 800 (901) MMSB (6672) or email gmelvin@mmsb.nl.ca. A minimum of 30 program tires are required for pick-up at one time. There is no maximum amount of program tires that can be scheduled for collection by MMSB at one time.

Q9. Is there a cost to have used tires collected?

A9. The environmental fee covers the cost to collect and process tires. There is no additional charge to Tire Suppliers when scheduling pick-up of program tires with MMSB, providing that there is a minimum of 30 program tires that are clean, off rim and in an accessible storage location that allows loading directly onto the hauler's truck.

Q10. What happens to the used tires collected through the program?

A10. Tires collected through the program currently are shipped to an end market in Quebec and used as fuel in cement kilns, which displaces reliance on other heat sources such as coal, a carbon emitting pollutant.