



WASTE TIRE GENERATOR

Milwaukee Code Of Ordinances
Chapter 93
Recycling, Salvaging and Towing Regulations
MCO 93-49 Waste Tire

What is a Waste Tire

MCO-93-3.30

- Milwaukee Code of Ordinances states that any tire which is worn to less than a 2/32 inch tread depth anywhere along the tread groove or is defective or damaged in any way on the tread or sidewall, is a waste tire. These tires are no longer considered roadworthy.



Licensing MCO 93-21

- This license is required for any premises in the City of Milwaukee used in the business of recycling, salvaging or towing.
- Buying, selling, generating, exchanging, collecting, storing, transporting, reprocessing, disposing, or otherwise dealing in junk, valuable metal, waste tires, salvage motor vehicle parts.
- License is \$344.00 license expires every two years from date of issuance.

Waste Tire Generator VS Waste Tire Transporter

Waste Tire Generator

- Means any person who, in the course of normal business activities, generates or removes 25 or more waste tires per calendar year.
- A waste tire generator shall use only a city licensed waste transporter to pick up and transport waste tires.
- 103 Waste Tire Generator Licenses in the City of Milwaukee.

Waste Tire Transporter

- Means any person who does any of the following:
- Engages in the business of transporting waste tires on a public way.
- At any one time transports more than 5 waste tires on a public way.
- Transports waste tires for a waste tire generator, irrespective of the number of tires being transported.
- 7 Waste Tire Transporter Licenses.

WASTE TIRE GENERATOR

Indoor Storage

MCO-93-49

- Each waste tire shall be stored and secured in a manner approved by the commissioner of neighborhood services.
- To eliminate theft and potential nuisances of litter, rat harborage, fly breeding and fire hazards.
- No person may store or permit the storage of more than 24 waste tires upon any premises within the city unless the premises is a licensed recycling, salvaging or towing premises.

Outdoor Tire Storage

- IFC 3405.1 Individual Piles-Tire storage shall be restricted to individual piles not exceeding 5,000 square feet of continuous area. Piles shall not exceed 50,0000 cubic feet in volume or 10 feet in height.
- IFC 3405.2 Separation of Piles-Individual tire storage piles shall be separated from other piles by a clear space of not less than 40 feet.

Inspections

Waste Tire Generator(RST-P)/Transporter(RST-V) Inspection Form

Date _____
Insp _____

Department of Neighborhood Services
841 N. Broadway, Room 106

WASTE TIRE GENERATOR (RST-P) / TRANSPORTER (RST-V) INSPECTION FORM

LICENSING INSPECTION

Business Name: _____ Phone: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Owner _____ Phone _____

GENERATOR License NUMBER _____

TRANSPORTER License Sticker Number _____

1. ____ 93-5.1.c Valid generator/transporter license required
2. ____ 93-49.3.b Tires delivered to a tire disposer or reprocessor
3. ____ 93-49.5 Recordkeeping: Records and receipts available for inspection and kept on file for 3 years
4. ____ 93-49.4.a Tires branded or marked
5. ____ 93-49.1.a Tires stored/secured in an approved manner
6. ____ 79-9.2.a Valid transporter sticker properly displayed on vehicles
7. ____ 200-42-4 Occupancy Permit
8. ____ 214-3 IFC 2505.1 Outdoor storage no higher than 10ft
9. ____ 214-3 IFC 2509.1 Interior pile dimensions size requirements
10. ____ 214.3 IFC 2405 Prohibited ignition sources
11. ____ 214.3 IFC 2302 Indoor storage no higher than 8ft in non-sprinkled areas unless < 500 sq ft and maintain aisle widths, egress widths, and ceiling clearances no greater than 50 ft pile length
12. ____ 214-3 IFC 315.3.1 Prohibited storage under projections, canopies and eaves
13. ____ 214-3 IFC 2504.6 Posting of closest fire department and phone number

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Regulation-Labeling

MCO 93-49.4

- Each waste tire located at a licensed recycling, salvaging or towing premise shall be permanently marked, by the licensee in a manner approved by the commissioner of neighborhood services.
- Marked with the letters “RST”(recycling, salvage, towing) and the licensee’s license number. Licensing assigns number and new number every two years.
- Each tire shall be marked (Inside the tire) before it leaves the premises, and all tires shall be marked not later than 5 working days after receipt on the premises.

Proper Tire Labeling



License Not Required

- This license is not required of any business: Licensed and operated as a private waste collector.
- Exclusively performing consensual towing.
- Whose activities in Milwaukee are limited to selling junk/valuable metal/metal waste tires and they are licensed elsewhere in Milwaukee.
- Located outside the city buying, selling, exchanging, and transporting junk, valuable metal or waste tires exclusively through the use of commercial motor vehicles.

WASTE TIRE TRANSPORTER

Waste Tire Transporters- Recordkeeping

MCO 93-49.5

- Keep disposal records manifest for 3 years.
- Records must clearly state: Date of pickup.
- The number of waste tires picked up at each site.
- Name and address of the waste tire generator.
- Name, address, and date of delivery of tires to waste tire disposer.

Transporter Vehicle Requirements

- Vehicle is required to have LICENSE STICKERS AND SIGNAGE each motor vehicle used by a licensed recycling, salvaging or towing business.
- The sticker shall be affixed to vehicle, in a prominent place.
- A sticker issued by the city clerk with the words “recycling, salvaging or towing” stamped on it.
- Whenever a sticker has been defaced, lost, stolen or destroyed, the licensee shall immediately apply to the city clerk for a duplicate sticker.

Things That Must be Reported

MCO 93-29

PLAN OF OPERATION

- Provisions relating to changes to applications and plans of operation.

TRANSFER OF LICENSES

- Provisions relating to the transfer of licenses and change of licensee names.

CHANGE OF VEHICLE.

- Change the motor vehicles used in the conduct of recycling salvage and towing.

Penalties

MCO-93-7.3

Any person violating any provision of s. 93-49 or failing to comply with an order issued under s. 93-49 shall, upon conviction, be subject to a Class J penalty as provided in s. 61-16.

A citation may be issued for any violation of s. 93-49, with or without prior notice. The stipulation, forfeiture and court procedure set forth in s. 50-25 shall apply.

Persons shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000.



Annual Complaints

- 2023 - 387 illegal dumping complaints 55 mentioned tires, 14%
- 2024 - 495 illegal dumping complaints 49 mentioned tires, 10%
- 2025 - 204 illegal dumping complaints-30 mentioned tires, 15%

Citations/Awards/Referrals

- 2023- 12 citations, \$6,000.00 in rewards.
- 2024-17 citations, \$9,000.00 in rewards.
- 2025- 7 citations YTD, 2 rewards YTD.
- 2025- 14 DCD referrals YTD

Plan of Action to Limit Tire Dumping

- Increased waste tire license inspections.
- Full information campaign.
- Mandatory tire marking.
- Identify high risk waste tire generator locations.
- New handouts and checklist for operators.
- New signage (ALL WASTE TIRES MUST BE MARKED WITH RST NUMBER)
- Additional maintenance and fire code orders in reference to storage and use regulations.
- Team of 5 specialized inspectors.
- First violation citation.

Challenges

- Access to available resources to assist in emergency site clean up on private property.
- Additional proactive authorized tire drop off locations.
- More connectivity throughout illegal dumping groups and cleanup groups.
- The City joining forces with other municipalities and programs for scrap tire disposal.
- Additional ideas on tire recovery such as Bounty Program.

Proposed Changes

Potential Ordinance Change

- Force waste tire generator disposal. Some shops charge a service fee for disposal or allow customers take the waste tires with them. An ordinance change would prohibit this practice.

Potential Storage Change

- How many tires can be stored based on square footage (IFC 34)

Potential New Permit Program

- Make waste tire generator a DNS permit program (BOZA use)
- Create a separate use permit for WTG in volume 2 enforceable by DNS.

Potential Waste Tire Generator Team

- Creation of an interdepartmental working task force for tire dumping. (DNS DPW DCD MPD DNR)
- This group would work with all other illegal dumping committees and community groups.

Potential Legal Adoption

- Make illegal dumping a state statute violation or work with our court section to get these cases processed.