



Tire Stewardship Manitoba

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NEW TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM FACT SHEET

- Tire Stewardship Manitoba (TSM) will effective April 1st, 2008, replace government's Tire Stewardship Board (TSB) and manage a new scrap tire program required by regulation under Manitoba's Waste Reduction and Prevention (WRAP) Act.
- TSM is a not-for-profit agency created to support tire retailers with a scrap tire management program that was developed with input from industry, environmental groups, municipalities, government and other stakeholders and approved by the Minister of Conservation.
- The new program is to be operated by TSM, which has membership from four industry organizations selling tires in Manitoba, including The Rubber Association of Canada, the retail Council of Canada, the Western Canada Tire Dealers Association and the Manitoba Motor Dealers Association.
- The new scrap tire program addresses Manitobans' concern for proper scrap tire management in a fiscally responsible manner, TSM will be able to raise the money necessary to support tire recycling through fees charged at the time new tires are sold.
- In order to sell new tires in Manitoba, the retailer must participate in a province wide stewardship program that manages all types of scrap tires and tubes, including off-the-road tires. Under this program a broader range of new tires will be subject to environmental levies that more accurately reflect province wide collection and processing costs.
- TSM's goal is to offer a sustainable, effective and efficient scrap tire management program, which will now be more comprehensive.
- A round-up of off-the-road tires will be conducted this spring to launch the permanent collection of off-the-road tires from landfills and dealers' yards under the new program operated by TSM.
- Scrap tires can be a health and environmental hazard. Without proper management, tires can pile up in the landscape creating a fire hazard and breeding habitat for mosquitoes. Manitoba has had a successful tire recycling program since 1992. Over 23 million dollars have been paid to Manitoba processors resulting in the equivalent of 11.3 million tires recycled.
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