

# Got tires?

## Oakland resident's options for legal disposal.

### Requirements

Allowing tires to accumulate in residential areas visible from the street, or in large quantities, can be a violation of the Blight Ordinance (Chapter 8.24 of the Oakland Municipal Code). Inspectors can require tires to be removed that:

- create an unsanitary condition and/or taint groundwater runoff
- attract rodents and/or provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes
- pose a fire hazard
- detract from the aesthetic and economic values of neighboring properties
- create an "attractive nuisance," causing a situation that invites or increases illegal dumping, littering, or other illegal activity

Residents must dispose of tires legally and, according to State law, can only transport up to nine (9) tires at one time. Inspectors may ask to see copies of receipts that document that tires were disposed of legally. To transport ten or more tires at one time requires that the vehicle be registered with the State of California as a waste tire hauler (see below).

### To dispose of *fewer than ten* tires:

1. take them to the dump (as of 3/30/04, \$5.50/tire off the rim)
2. many tire dealers will accept small numbers of tires for disposal; call first (price varies; @ \$2/tire)
3. *for residents of 1-4 unit buildings only*, schedule bulky waste pickup; call Waste Management at (510) 613-8710 to make a pickup appointment. Tires must have been generated at the household, be passenger-size or smaller, and off the rims; rims can be set out as well. You can also dispose of other bulky waste such as furniture, appliances, etc.

### To dispose of *ten or more* tires:

- remove the tires nine (9) or fewer at a time as described in #1 and #2 above
- schedule a bulky waste pickup day as described in #3 above
- hire a **registered waste tire hauler**; Hauler list: [www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Haulers/Haulers.asp](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Haulers/Haulers.asp) or call, toll free, (866) 896-0600.

***Never give tires (or any other junk) to someone who offers to haul them cheaply. Not only is it illegal, but when the quoted cost doesn't cover the dump fee, it is extremely likely that your tires will end up dumped. You will be held responsible for your garbage, including tires, if it is proven to be illegally dumped.***

**Cleanup of illegally dumped items on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.** Private property can include sidewalks.

To report illegal dumping on:

- **private property**, call City of Oakland, Code Compliance, at (510) 238-3381.
- **public property**, call City of Oakland, Public Works Agency, at (510) 434-5101.



### Questions?

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