

GIVE YOUR TIRES NEW LIFE



Michigan generates **10 million tires** a year that **are 100% recyclable!**

Did you know that the sidewall from a semi-truck tire is used to make construction barrel weights? Not only do they provide the right weight to enhance safety and stay put, but they are also weather resistant.

Tires can be turned into mulch, incorporated into roads, shredded and used as aggregate in backfill and drain fields, not to mention new tires or plastic. And since abandoned tires also pose a fire risk and a health risk from mosquito borne illness, recycling is the best thing to do with scrap tires!



WHERE TO RECYCLE USED TIRES

Contact a tire recycler or processor.



Tire recyclers and processors will accept tires from the public. Find a listing of registered organizations at **Michigan.gov/ScrapTires**.

Visit a local tire retailer.



Many retailers accept used tires for a small fee. It is most convenient to recycle your tires when you purchase new ones.

Attend a scrap tire collection event.



Communities often host tire collection events, some of which are funded by EGLE. Find your local contact at **Michigan.gov/EGLEHHW**.



EGLE has awarded over \$760,000 to Upper Peninsula communities for scrap tire recycling projects and abandoned tire removal projects.

Dickinson County

Dickinson County Road Commission used over 3,500 tires to pave three sections of County Road 607 using a \$650,000 grant partially funded by EGLE. The project demonstrated better performance in the rubberized asphalt than conventional asphalt in a cold climate. The Dickinson County project helped expand the use of rubberized asphalt and later began using rubber modified chip sealer for roadway maintenance.



Ontonagon County

Increasing Great Lakes water levels led to EGLE receiving complaints about oversized mining tires buried in the Lake Superior shoreline near Ontonagon. In years past they were used to stabilize the shore. With changing weather, the tires began to break free, migrating to other properties or floating into Lake Superior causing a navigation hazard. EGLE awarded over \$57,000 to remove 94 oversized mining, 94 semi tires and 17 passenger tires across 1.5 miles of shoreline.

