

# Proper Disposal of Tires

Tires may be properly recycled daily at each of the County landfills or on regularly scheduled community cleanup events (see back for more details).

## Prices and collection locations:

**\$3:** Passenger car or light truck tire

**\$7:** Standard truck tire

(+ **\$5** surcharge to remove rims)

Tractor tires, loader tires, and earth-mover tires are also accepted. For pricing on these, please contact the following:

### Highway 59 Landfill

7040 N. Hwy 59, Merced  
(209) 723-4481

Monday - Friday: 7 AM - 3:30 PM

Saturday: 8 AM - 12 PM

### Billy Wright Landfill

17173 S. Billy Wright Rd., Los Banos  
(209) 826-1163

Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 3:30 PM,

Saturday: 8 AM - 12 PM

**\* Hauling Notice:** It is unlawful to transport more than nine waste or used tires at a time without a certificate for waste tire hauling. Violation of this state law may result in a \$25,000 fine per violation.



If you plan on hauling 10 or more waste or used tires, register your vehicle with the California Department of Recycling Resources and Recovery (CalRecycle) at [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/Tires/) or call (800) 896-0600.

To obtain a one-day letter of exemption for hauling private residential tires, please contact the County of Merced's Division of Environmental Health at (209) 381-1099.



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## QUESTIONS?

Call Recycling Information at:  
**(209) 723-4481**

Or visit the regional recycling website at:  
**[www.MercedRecycles.com](http://www.MercedRecycles.com)**

## MERCED COUNTY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

7040 N. State HWY 59  
Merced, CA 95348  
Phone: (209) 723-4481  
Fax: (209) 384-3109  
[www.mercedrecycles.com](http://www.mercedrecycles.com)

# Tire CARE and Tire RECYCLING



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# TIRE CARE: Play your P.A.R.T.

## Pressure

It is important to have the proper tire pressure in your tires to help prevent tire failure.

Always check the air pressure in your tires, especially before long trips.

Check before tires heat up. Never over inflate or under inflate tires.

Check your owner's manual for the recommended tire pressure.

## Alignment

Tires need to be properly balanced and aligned.

Misalignment of wheels can cause uneven and rapid treadwear.

Also have your tire balance checked periodically to help prevent irregular wear or vibration.

## Rotation

Tires should be rotated every 5,000 to 8,000 miles or as specified in your owner's manual.

Rotating tires can help prevent irregular wear on your tires.

## Tread

Tires must be replaced when the tread is worn down to 2/32 of an inch.

Try the "Penny Test:"

- Place a penny into a tread groove.
- If part of Lincoln's head is covered by the tread, the tire is good.
- If you see all of his head, then the tire is worn out and should be replaced.

### Proper tire care is essential for:

- Prolonging the life of your tires
- Ensuring safe driving conditions
- Maximizing fuel efficiency

For more tire safety information, please visit the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA) at [www.rma.org](http://www.rma.org)

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## Community Cleanup Events

Tires can be properly recycled during regularly scheduled Community Cleanups/Tire Amnesty Events.

For more information on Community Cleanup events in your area, please contact your local Public Works Department:

**City of Atwater** 357-6370

**City of Dos Palos** 392-3119

**City of Gustine** 854-6471

**City of Livingston** 394-8041

**City of Los Banos** 827-7056

**City of Merced** 385-6800

**County of Merced** 385-7601

During the cleanup events, a certain amount of tires are collected at no cost. Please call your public works department for more information.

**No** tractor or heavy equipment tires will be accepted during community cleanup events. See "Proper Disposal of Tires."

\* Please read the hauling notice under "Proper Disposal of Tires" if you plan to transport more than nine tires in your vehicle.

**Please note:** Community Cleanup tire disposal rates differ from landfill tire disposal rates.



### Tires are split, shredded or ground and recycled into new products.

**Split or Punched Tires** can be made into gaskets, seals, washers, shims, and insulators; floor mats, belts, shoe soles, boat dock bumpers, or muffler hangers.

**Shredded Tires** can be used for tire-derived aggregate (TDA), "rubberbark" for playgrounds, or for rubberized asphalt concrete (RAC).

**Ground Rubber** from tires can be used in rubber and plastic products, such as molded floor mats, mud guards, carpet padding, and plastic adhesives; rubber railroad crossings or additives for asphalt.

For more information on tire recycling, please see CalRecycle's publications on TIRES under: [www.calrecycle.ca.gov/publications/](http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/publications/)