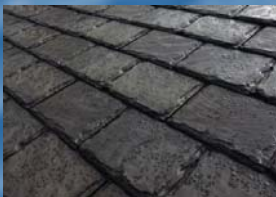




*Tire Grinder*



*Crumb Rubber*



*Recycled Tire Shingles*

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## Virginia Tire Recycling Fee

An important tool to fund responsible tire recycling

Tires are difficult to recycle or dispose of in an environmentally-sound manner. The Virginia Tire Recycling Fee has been the **only funding provided by the Commonwealth to jurisdictions** to help fund disposal and recycling of waste tires. The fund has been used successfully to clean up over 1,200 piles with about 23 million tires. The fund also supports tire recycling through the End User Reimbursement Program, providing a small reimbursement for each ton of tires recycled (not including tires sent for disposal). There are only 9 sites in Virginia and 6 companies outside the state that can recycle or dispose of

Virginia's waste tires. DEQ estimates that about 7 million waste tires are generated in the state annually. Without the fee to fund the End User Reimbursement Program, this number may dwindle, as local jurisdictions may be unable to finance recycling or disposal services for used tires.

Dedicated tire recycling fees have successfully cleaned up tire piles and created an infrastructure to either recycle or dispose of used tires. Local jurisdictions have used revenue generated through the fee responsibly to prevent pollution and hazards associated with illegal tire dumping and to provide a system for legal tire recycling or disposal.

### The Issue

Effective July 1, 2011, the VA General Assembly passed legislation (Senate Bill 1431) that reduced the fee paid for the sale of each tire from \$1 to \$.50. Local jurisdictions bear the burden of providing responsible recycling and disposal options for these items so prevalent in our lives today. Without this funding source for end user reimbursements, there will be no financial support from the state and once again, the burden is borne solely by the local jurisdiction,

NVRC opposes any effort to eliminate the Virginia Tire Recycling Fee as well as any desire by the Virginia General Assembly to redirect the use of funds for other purposes. Since environmental protection is favored by the residents of the Commonwealth, eliminating this fund will result in illegal tire dumping with few jurisdictions capable of providing responsible tire management.

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