



# Scrap Tire

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## New Name, New Director For California's Waste Tire Program

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has appointed Margo Reid Brown to be the chief deputy director and acting director of the state's Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (Cal Recycle).

CalRecycle is the new home of California's recycling and waste reduction efforts including the annual \$40 million state waste tire program. CalRecycle was formed earlier this year when the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the California Department of Conservation's Recycling Division were merged.

Officially known as the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery CalRecycle is a  
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## Recycled Rubber Tiles Take Center Stage At Vancouver Olympics

*Vancouver, B.C. already an environmental leader on many fronts, has taken care to make the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games the greenest Games ever.*

Leading by example, the City ensured that all Olympic venues were built to the Leadership in Energy Efficiency and Design (LEED) Gold standard. At LiveCity, Vancouver which includes two public celebration sites in downtown Vancouver, the City worked with LiveCity producer Roy Yen to select a "green" practical alternative as the footing for the 100,000 sq.ft. LiveCity, Yaletown site at David Lam Park. "We knew that with the hundreds of thousands of visitors expected over the course of the games, the grass at David Lam Park would be under some stress," Yen said.

Rather than paving the Park, the City of Vancouver chose eco-flex® recycled rubber tiles as a temporary base for LiveCity Yaletown to support not only the vast pedestrian traffic, but that of trucks and construction equipment required to erect the on-site pavilions and stage facilities. After the 2010 Winter Games, the park must be restored to its original condition and eco-flex® recycled rubber tiles can easily be removed and incorporated into city infrastructure projects such as multi-access paths, without generating waste, Yen explained.

"The eco-flex® interlocking recycled rubber tiles offered a great solution with many benefits," Yen said. "We needed to provide an appealing yet safe footing option for the

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## Budget Cuts Put Many State Scrap Tire Programs on Hold

Stockpile remediation and prevention of new accumulations of scrap tires are key components of most state scrap tire management programs. In the last fifteen years, a majority of the states have cleaned up their large accumulations of stockpiled or abandoned tires but continue to support scrap tire activities in their state to control or prevent the formation of new stockpiles.

Other states continue to identify and track new findings of legal and illegal stockpiles. Some states have also created programs to address small accumulations—usually tire sites with piles ranging from 500 tires or less to those with about 2000 tires. The goal of these programs is to offer generators the opportunity to get these tires handled properly before the accumulations grow. The states have also encouraged community, civic, industry and property owner remediation efforts. However, all of these state efforts have increasingly been compromised in recent years as funding for tire programs has either expired or more commonly been expropriated to other non-tire related uses.

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