

# Scrap Tire NEWS

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## EA Addresses Recycled Rubber Specialists Scrap Tire Enforcement

Jane Whitelaw, Senior Adviser on Enforcement at the UK Environment Agency (EA), spoke about tire retailer responsibilities and how industry can help the EA in its enforcement efforts at Brityrex held in Manchester, England last month.

Tires, Whitelaw said, are a high priority waste stream for the EA for a number of reasons; they are the third most popular fly-tipped waste, they are expensive to remove and they are potentially dangerous as a fire hazard. Last year there were nine major prosecutions, resulting in fines of up to £70,000. Whitelaw also outlined the responsibilities and the legal duty of care of the retailer.

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We live in a specialized world. If you don't think so, consider the app. These small programs were made specifically for mobile devices and there's one for most anything you can imagine.

Whatever the industry - from information technology to health-care to autocare we're referred to specialists to get what we need.

The same holds true for the tire recycling industry. More and more manufacturers and consumers are turning to specialized recyclers to supply them with consistently processed materials.

For VS Rubber, specialization is an art. This Lebanon, PA-based firm is in the specialized field of producing semi-manufactured products as a raw material for recyclers. It's an art they learned from their parent company Jakobs Rubber Recycling, b.v. in the

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## Ohio Combines Grant Programs to Manage Tire Pile Cleanups

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) this year incorporated an Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) grant program into its office to create a centralized operation for handling tire cleanup funds. Previously, the Ohio EPA funded its own cleanup operations with a surcharge on new tires, while ODNR provided grants to communities for tire cleanup efforts.

The Ohio EPA has spent about \$60 million on tire cleanup since founding its program in 1993, according to an agency spokesperson. Those funds led to the disposal of about 38.5 million tires at 437 sites, the spokesperson said.

ODNR, meanwhile, has operated a separate grants program since 1994 under which its 247 grants have helped in the proper disposal of more than 25 million tires. In the last five years alone ODNR has granted about \$5.4 million in cleanup money.

Officials stress the importance of these efforts because discarded tires are breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can carry potentially harmful viruses. Also, fires involving old tires are especially difficult to extinguish.

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VS Rubber specializes in producing semi-manufactured recycled rubber material that manufacturers can use as a feedstock for products that they make.

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