

# Scrap Tire NEWS

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## Colorado Proposes Bill To Fix Tire Recycling Program

A bill that would close a loop-hole in Colorado's scrap tire management program is making its way through a key legislative subcommittee. Rep. Marsha Looper, R-Calhan, introduced legislation that would ensure only companies that recycle shredded tires could collect from the state's tire recycling funds.

Colorado consumers pay a \$1.50 surcharge on every new-tire purchase, money that's then placed in a fund and used to reimburse companies that shred the tires and sell them for reuse such as fuel or landscaping material.

The bill, HB-1034, was unanimously approved by the Legislature's transportation committee and is headed for the appropriations committee in part because there's more money for recyclers.

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## Georgia Lawmakers Address Tire Fees

*Newly introduced HB 811 would keep tire fee revenues in the Solid Waste Trust Fund and prevent redirection of dedicated fees to other uses.*

When Georgians purchase new tires for their vehicles, a \$1 per-tire fee is added to the cost. This fee, established in Georgia law, is dedicated to the Solid Waste Trust Fund to address landfill emergencies, clean up illegal scrap tire piles, support recycling and litter reduction initiatives and fund other solid waste management programs. Yet over \$37 million in scrap tire fees collected over the last decade have been redirected to other state programs to address budget shortfalls.

The Solid Waste Trust Fund is not alone. Dedicated fees for programs such as cleaning up hazardous waste sites, providing indigent defense, training law enforcement officers, and teaching driver's education programs have also been redirected, with appropriations ranging from zero to something less than the amount the fees have brought in.

House Bill 811, introduced by Representative Jay Powell and supported by more than 60 other House members, seeks to address the redirection of dedicated fees. Under Rep. Powell's bill, if the fees are not appropriated for their statutorily-intended purposes, then those fees will be reduced or eliminated, proportionate to the amount that is redirected. To minimize impact on the state budget, the new appropriation requirements would be phased in over five years.

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## Florida On-Track With Scrap Tire Management

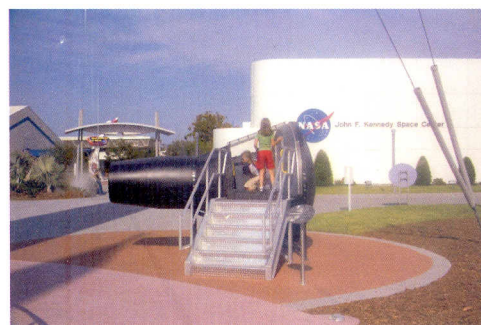
The Florida waste tire management program has made exceptional progress, according to the latest Waste Tires in Florida report from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

In 2008, almost 92 percent of the 19.5 million waste tires generated in Florida were constructively utilized in diverse applications, compared to virtually no usage in 1990.

The new report (covering 2010) provides summaries of Florida's diverse markets noting changes and anomalies in certain markets. For example, the use of tire shreds in septic tank drain fields which showed growth earlier is declining, while high fuel prices attracted more tire fuel use in new and retrofitted cement kilns, waste-to-energy facilities, and power boilers, with additional growth probable.

The use of scrap tires as a supplemental fuel source consumed 49.9 percent of Florida's waste tire generation in 2010, Ten waste-to-energy facilities consume

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Recycled rubber surfacing is used at NASA and other Florida tourist attractions.