

Divert NS
BICYCLE TIRE RECYCLING PROGRAM
GUIDELINES

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Divert NS is excited to announce the launch of a Bicycle Tire Recycling Program in Nova Scotia. This program will keep used bicycle tires and tubes out of landfills.

This is a voluntary program available to any bicycle retailer in Nova Scotia that offers bicycle repair services and is interested in participating. The program is FREE for retailers and FREE for consumers. Divert NS will cover the costs of running this new program.

Divert NS has been operating a Used Tire Recycling program for on-road vehicle tires since 1997. The Bicycle Tire Recycling Program will operate in tandem with this successful program that sees over one million passenger and truck tires recycled each year.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

1. **Register** with Divert NS to become an official drop-off location for the public to return or leave used bicycle tires for recycling. As a registered location, Divert NS will provide you with promotional materials for use in-store to let customers know you are participating.

Divert NS will post a list of all participating bicycle shops on our website so that the public is aware of recycling locations. You may choose to advertise your role in this program with your customers.

2. **Collect** unwanted/used bicycle tires and tubes. **As this is a voluntary program, NO FEE SHOULD BE CHARGED to individuals.** Each shop keeps tires on site until a sufficient number of tubes/tires are collected (minimum 25 tires and minimum 25 tubes).
3. **Bundle** the tires and tubes, keeping tires separate from tubes. This is very important as the recycling process for tires and tubes is different.

Bundling instructions for **TIRES**:

- a. Group/stack the tires, 25 per bundle.
- b. Tie the group of tires together using a bicycle tube. The valve stem can be left or cut off.
- c. See the illustration at the right.

Note: Any type of bicycle tire is acceptable. Do not cut the tires.



Bundling instructions for **TUBES**:

- a. Group/stack the tubes, 25 per bundle.
- b. Tie the group of tires together using a bicycle tube. The valve stem can be left or cut off.
- c. See the illustration at the right.

Note: Any type of bicycle tube is acceptable. Do not cut the tubes. Valve stems can be left on.



4. With assistance from Divert NS, **partner** with a local automotive tire retailer that will be your drop-off location for the bundles of bicycle tires and tubes that you collect from the public.
5. **Track** the number of bundles of tires and tubes you collect.
6. **Deliver** bundles of tires and/or tubes to your designated tire retailer. Please note, if the tires or tubes are not bundled properly, the tire retailer can refuse to accept them.

After you deliver, email the number of bundles you dropped off to Divert NS at info@divertns.ca.

For more information on the Divert NS Bicycle Tire Recycling Program, visit: www.divertns.ca/bicycletires.