

Used Tire Management Program Frequently Asked Questions



Who has to register with Divert NS? (Divert NS is a registered business name of the Resource Recovery Fund Board, Inc.)

Per Section 18A-6(a) of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, no tire retailer shall supply a new tire in the Province on or after January 2, 1997, unless that tire retailer has entered into an industry stewardship agreement with Divert NS.

How do I register with Divert NS?

Tire retailers can call us toll free at 1-877-313-7732 to register, and we will mail a registration package and industry stewardship agreement to you.

What tires are included under the program?

The following are included in the Used Tire Management Program: Car and truck tires; Motorcycle tires; Camper tires; and Trailer tires

What tires are excluded under the program?

The following are not included in the Used Tire Management Program: Tires larger than 24.5 inches; Off-road tires from All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs); Tires from farming and other heavy equipment; and Tires sold in Nova Scotia but delivered or shipped out-of-province (for example, new tires sold for export to an out-of-province address as stated on the bill of sale or invoice, or new tires purchased on a new vehicle sold to an out-of-province address as stated on the vehicle bill of sale)

How much are the environmental fees?

\$4.50 per tire for all Passenger tires and Light truck tires (including all on-road motorcycle, camper and trailer tires)
\$13.50 per tire for Highway truck, Tractor, and Trailer tires not exceeding 24.5 inches

What are the environmental fees used for?

Divert NS, in partnership with retailers, administers a stewardship agreement to help keep used tires out of landfills. Fees go towards the pickup, recycling and administration of the used tire program in the province.

Is the environmental fee taxable?

The environmental fee must be shown separately on the retailer invoice. A statement should also be made on the invoice informing the customer that an environmental fee has been paid by the tire retailer in connection with all new tires supplied in the Province of Nova Scotia. HST will apply to the environmental fee.

When do I remit the environmental fees?

All fees must be remitted by the 15th of the following month.

How can I remit the environmental fees that I owe to Divert NS?

You can pay the fees online using your online banking, or mail a cheque with your retailer number, directly to Divert NS at 35 Commercial Street, Suite 400, Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 3H9.

How can I report the environmental fees?

An online password authorization form is included in the registration package. Once you complete the form and return it to Divert NS, a password will be provided to you to log onto the online website. If a tire retailer does not have access to a computer, paper reporting slips can be provided.

What happens if I don't register or remit on time?

If you fail to register and you sell eligible tires under the program or you do not remit on time, you are considered to not be in compliance with the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations. This can result in Summary Offence Ticket(s) per Schedule 9A of the Summary Offence Ticket Booklet.

Do I have to report if I have zero sales?

Yes, a tire retailer must report each month, regardless of whether they have sales or not. A tire retailer can simply report zero for a month with no sales.

Does the environmental fee apply to changeover tires, warranty tires, and substituted tires?

The fee does not apply to changeover tires, only new tires. A substitute tire, where a consumer was willing to pay the difference, should be charged the environmental fee. A warranty tire is a new tire, and should be charged the environmental fee.

Does the environmental fee apply to new cars?

Yes, new cars have five tires, four on the car and one spare. The environmental fee applies to all five new tires.

What happens to tires sold by a Nova Scotia retailer to a registered retailer outside the province?

Tires sold by a retailer in Nova Scotia to a registered retailer in another province are exempt. However, tires sold in Nova Scotia to a customer are required to pay the fees, even if that customer is a non-resident.

I am a tire retailer: how will I know when to charge the tire fee?

Divert NS publishing an updated list of all tire retailers (Remitters and Pay on Purchase) on its website (www.divertns.ca). If your customer is registered as a Remitter, you are not obligated to charge the environmental fee to this customer. If your customer is either registered as a Pay on Purchase, or not on the list, you are obligated to charge the environmental fee at the time of sale.

Do I have to accept all used tires brought to me or only the ones I sell?

Nova Scotians can return up to four regulated used tires for recycling to any tire retailer in the province, during their regular business hours - free of charge.

How do I get a tire pickup and are there any restrictions?

You can schedule a tire pickup by calling a driver contracted by Divert NS. Contact information can be obtained from Divert NS admin toll free at 1-877-313-7732. In order to get a tire pickup, a tire retailer, must be registered with Divert NS and the tires must be off rim and free of debris. If the tires are not easily accessible, the driver will not pickup.