

# Solid Waste Management

## Unauthorized Waste Dump and Scrap Tire Sites Removals and Response Unit

Information presented in this fact sheet is intended to provide a general understanding of the regulatory requirements governing the management of regulated solid waste. This information is not intended to replace, limit, or expand upon the complete regulatory requirements found in Division 4 or Division 13 of the Alabama Department of Environmental Management Administrative Code. The Division Rules can be found at the following web address: <http://adem.alabama.gov/alEnviroRegLaws/default.cnt>.

### Did you know?



- In the State of Alabama, **it is not permissible to dispose of regulated solid waste in areas not permitted as a landfill and/or to store more than 100 scrap tires on a property without approval from ADEM.** This type of waste includes items such as household trash, furniture, old automobiles, roofing materials, other construction debris, and scrap tires. In order to keep our environment clean, safe and healthy, regulated solid waste should be disposed of in a local, permitted Municipal Solid Waste and/or Construction and Demolition landfill.
- Scrap tires tend to collect water and breed mosquitoes and other pests such as rats, snakes and roaches that can cause human health issues. Because of this, tires should not be exposed to the elements (i.e. rain) for more than 30 days without precautions, such as spraying for mosquitoes, and should be stored under cover as much as possible.
- An unauthorized dump (UAD) is *“any collection of solid wastes either dumped or caused to be dumped or placed on any public or private property, whether or not regularly used, and not having a permit from the Department...”*
- A scrap tire site (STS) is *“a site or location where scrap tires or tire pieces are illegally stored or accumulated and is not in compliance with the Act or 335-4...”*
- Vegetative wastes (stumps, leafs, branches, etc...) are not considered to be regulated by the Department and you do not need a permit to dispose of this type waste on your property. The same is true for unpainted concrete and brick.
- The open burning of regulated solid waste is not permissible without approval from ADEM.
- If your area offers curbside pickup, you can place waste that does not fit in your regular trash container at your curb for disposal. In addition, depending upon your county, you may be able to take your scrap tires to a specific location within your county so that they may be recycled or disposed. Contact your local and county solid waste and Scrap Tire Right-of-Way representatives to see if this is an option for you!



## Helpful Tips!

If ADEM personnel discover an unauthorized dump and/or illegal scrap tire site on your property, they will contact you to alert you of the situation. If this happens, please do the following:

1. Stop adding to the unauthorized dump and/or scrap tire pile immediately,
2. Do not burn the waste and/or scrap tires,
3. Remove the waste and/or scrap tires and dispose of them properly (in a permitted landfill),
4. Contact the Removals and Response Unit using the information below.



If you are responsible for creating an UAD and/or STS on your property, you are required to clean up the waste and dispose of it properly. This involves taking the regulated waste/scrap tires to a permitted landfill and/or recycling facility. Some of the documentation that you will need to provide ADEM to show that your site has been cleaned up properly include:

1. Photographs of the site and waste during and after clean-up, and
2. Any and all disposal and/or recycling receipts collected during the clean-up.

If you are responsible for a UAD and/or STS on your property and are unable to clean it up properly, **ADEM may be able to help!** Please call the number listed below to learn more.

If you are not responsible for the creation of an UAD and/or STS on your property, you may qualify as an Innocent Landowner under ADEM Admin. Code r. 4 and/or 13 (see links below). If this is the case, contact ADEM and they will assist you in addressing the issue.

## Department Rules Regarding UADs and STSs



ADEM UAD Rules: [ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-13-x-.xx \(Solid Waste Rules\)](#).

ADEM STS Rules: [ADEM Admin. Code r. 335-4-x-.xx \(Scrap Tire Rules\)](#).

Permitted Municipal Solid Waste landfills: [Permitted Municipal Solid Waste Landfills](#).

Permitted Construction and Demolition Landfills: [Permitted Construction/Demolition and Industrial Waste Landfills](#).

The official ADEM website can be found using the following link: <http://adem.alabama.gov/>

For more information regarding this factsheet and other questions regarding unauthorized solid waste dumps or scrap tire sites, please contact the ADEM Removals and Response Unit at (334) 271-7938 or by email at [mcrui@adem.alabama.gov](mailto:mcrui@adem.alabama.gov).