



TCEQ/USTMA

Scrap Tire Workshop



May 12, 2021

Background on TCEQ and USTMA Collaboration

The [*Five-Year Plan for Scrap Tire Management in Texas*](#)¹ details goals to develop and coordinate partnerships with other TCEQ programs, scrap tire handlers, and state and local agencies. In line with that goal, the TCEQ Scrap Tire Program collaborated with the U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association (USTMA) to host a series of virtual scrap tire workshops.

The first workshop was held in October 2020 with a focus on unauthorized scrap tire sites and local enforcement options. The purpose of this workshop was identifying the common and unique scrap tire management challenges for across Texas.

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The second workshop took place on May 12, 2021. This workshop highlighted existing scrap tire markets in Texas for local leaders, regulators, and enforcement officials throughout the state. The Scrap Tire Program coordinated with regional Councils of Government (COGs) to promote the event and served as the point of contact for presenters, attendees, and USTMA.

Industry professionals presented on tire derived fuel, crumb rubber production and uses, land reclamation projects using tires, scrap tire processing and recycling, rubber modified asphalt, and porous pavement. There was strong interest in the workshop, and a turnout of over 180 engaged stakeholders from local governments and the scrap tire industry.

Post Event Survey

Main Take-Aways:

- The workshop was a resounding success and received an overall rating of 4.7 out of 5 stars.
- Over 70% of respondents requested the Scrap Tire Program continue hosting scrap tire workshops and providing guidance to regulatory entities and industry professionals.
- Most respondents said they would like to see more rubber modified asphalt and tire-derived fuel used in their area.
- The survey results emphasized a strong desire to grow existing scrap tire markets and combat illegal dumping.

Next Steps:

Future Scrap Tire Workshops

The Scrap Tire Program will host workshops covering information related to registration and reporting requirements for registration holders and additional workshops on scrap tire ordinances for local authorities.

If you would like to attend future scrap tire workshops, please email a request to the Scrap Tire Program listserv at join-tires@listserv.tceq.state.tx.us.

¹ https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/tires/docs/ScrapTireManagement_FiveYearPlan.pdf