Tire Fire Prevention Tips

Learn how to properly store your tires to avoid hazards and reduce the risk of starting a fire.

Improper storage of tires can lead to large, uncontrollable fires that emit environmental pollutants such as hazardous gases, heavy metals, and oils. These fires often lead to neighborhood evacuations and contaminate air and waterways.

Do your part to avoid fires and store your tires correctly! Check out the tips below to get started.

**Outdoor Storage** (In accordance with 3405 IFC)

- Tire storage piles should be separated by a clear space of at least 40 feet.
- Tire piles should be located at least 50 feet from lot lines and buildings.
- Ensure that tire piles do not exceed 10 feet in height.
- Keep tire piles away from combustible ground vegetation such as weeds, grass, brush and forested areas.

Make sure to check local ordinances and codes to ensure you are storing tires appropriately.

**Indoor Storage** (In accordance with 3409 IFC)

- Always store tires on tread.
- Tire piles should not be more than 50 feet in length.
- Tires stored adjacent to or along one wall should not extend more than 25 feet from that wall.

Refrain from open burning, smoking, and operating cutting, welding, or heating devices in tire storage yards. (3404 IFC)

Have questions or want more information on tire storage or mosquitoes? Call the Tire Recycling Program at 405-702-5175.
Tires make for perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Stagnant water and the collection of leaves offer great conditions for thousands of mosquitoes to grow in one tire alone.

Try to store all tires indoors or stack and cover them outdoors. If this is not possible, attempt to drain water from tires after rain and use approved pesticides or sprays.