

Waste Tyre Regulations and the Farmer

From 1 January 2008 new regulations on the management of waste tyres come into force.

They will affect producers, retailers, collectors and any persons using waste tyres such as farmers who use waste tyres to anchor silage

How does it affect me?

Do I have to do a stock take of waste tyres on my farm?

No. The new Regulations on waste tyres only apply to the movement of waste tyres used for anchoring silage from 1 January 2008 onwards.

At the moment I exceed the limit of 8 waste tyres per square metre. Do I have to get rid of the surplus?

No.

You will only need to ensure that you do not exceed 8 waste tyres per square metre of your silage pit once you move waste tyres used for anchoring silage covering on or off your farm from 1 January 2008 onwards.

You must, however, ensure that all waste tyres are stored at all times in a manner which would not endanger human health or harm the environment, and in particular would not –

- create a risk to waters, the atmosphere, land, soil, plants or animals,
- adversely affect the visual impact on the landscape,
- pose a fire risk by virtue of the manner in which the waste tyres are being stored,
- be mixed with other waste streams (e.g. farm plastics, empty containers) when stored.

Can I get waste tyres to anchor silage covering?

Yes, provided–

- you have a valid herd or flock number issued by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,
- you are registered with an Approved Body i.e. TRACS or TWM, or with your Local Authority,
- you are using your silage pit to store fodder, and
- you do not store more than the permitted amount.

How do I get waste tyres?

You can only get waste tyres from an authorised waste collector with a permit to transport waste tyres. You cannot obtain waste tyres from a tyre fitter or retail outlet.

If you are offered waste tyres you should check that the person offering them has a valid permit for transporting waste tyres.

Waste tyres no longer suitable for use to anchor silage covering can be exchanged with an authorised waste collector on a one-for-one like-for-like basis.

How do I register?

Contact TRACS or TWM for list of authorised waste collectors in your area. If the authorised waste collector supplying you with waste tyres is a member of TRACS or TWM the collector will look after your registration.

If the authorised waste collector supplying you with waste tyres is **not** a member of TRACS or TWM then you must, from 1 February 2008, be registered with your Local Authority. This costs €20 per annum. You can register yourself or the authorised waste collector can register you on your behalf.

Must I be registered straight away?

No. You will only need to be registered once you move waste tyres used for anchoring silage covering on or off your farm.

I do not use waste tyres for anchoring silage. Can I still store waste tyres?

Yes, provided they are incidental to your business as a farmer and do not exceed the number of tyres on your farm vehicles (e.g. a tractor and single axle trailer allows you to store 6 waste tyres).

How many waste tyres can I store to anchor silage?

8 for each square metre of your silage pit.

| Floor Area | | | No of Tyres Permitted |
|------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Width | Length | Area | |
| (Metres) | (Metres) | (Square Metres) | |
| 10 | 10 | 100 | 800 |
| 10 | 15 | 150 | 1,200 |
| 10 | 20 | 200 | 1,600 |
| 12 | 12 | 144 | 1,152 |
| 12 | 17 | 204 | 1,632 |
| 12 | 22 | 264 | 2,112 |

I no longer use waste tyres for anchoring silage. What should I do with them?

You as the holder of the waste tyres are responsible for ensuring that waste tyres are disposed of in a responsible manner.

You can only transfer waste tyres to an authorised waste collector with a permit to transport waste tyres. Make sure that the collector who collects or supplies you with waste tyres has a valid waste collection permit.

The Regulations require that the movement of all waste tyres must be tracked - If the authorised waste collector disposing of your waste tyres is **not** a member of TRACS or TWM then you must, from 1 February 2008, be registered with your Local Authority. Only an authorised waste collector can supply waste tyres to a farmer or other legitimate reuse outlet (e.g. marina) approved by a Local Authority.