

TIRE RETAILERS AND MOSQUITO CONTROL

WEST NILE VIRUS is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) or meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord.) This virus is spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. To prevent the spread of this virus, it is essential to reduce or eliminate mosquito breeding grounds. This is effectively done by eliminating areas where water can collect.



Knowing the significant impact improper outside storage of rubber tires can have on the mosquito population, and the potential threat to the community's health, the City of Springfield passed ordinance number 5224, Section 74-385.1 in September 2002.

This ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to store or keep a rubber tire outside of a building unless the tire is stored in a way or is in a condition that it will not collect water, or the person owning or using the property regularly sprays the tire for mosquitoes.



PROPER OUTSIDE STORAGE OF RUBBER TIRES:

- Drain tires of water and keep them dry within a building, enclosed trailer or under a waterproof cover. Replace cover if torn or damaged in any way that would allow water inside.
- or*
- Alter tires so they do not retain water by cutting, slicing, poking holes, or any other method providing drainage.

Any person who stores a rubber tire outside of a building that does not store the tire in a way or in a condition which prevents the tire from accumulating water shall:

- Treat the tires with an appropriate pesticide according to manufacturer's directions. Repeat as necessary. Reminder: tires must be stacked so each tire is accessible for spraying.
- and*
- Maintain a written record that includes:

1. Name of the business
2. Date of spraying
3. Type of spray used
4. Person doing the spraying



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