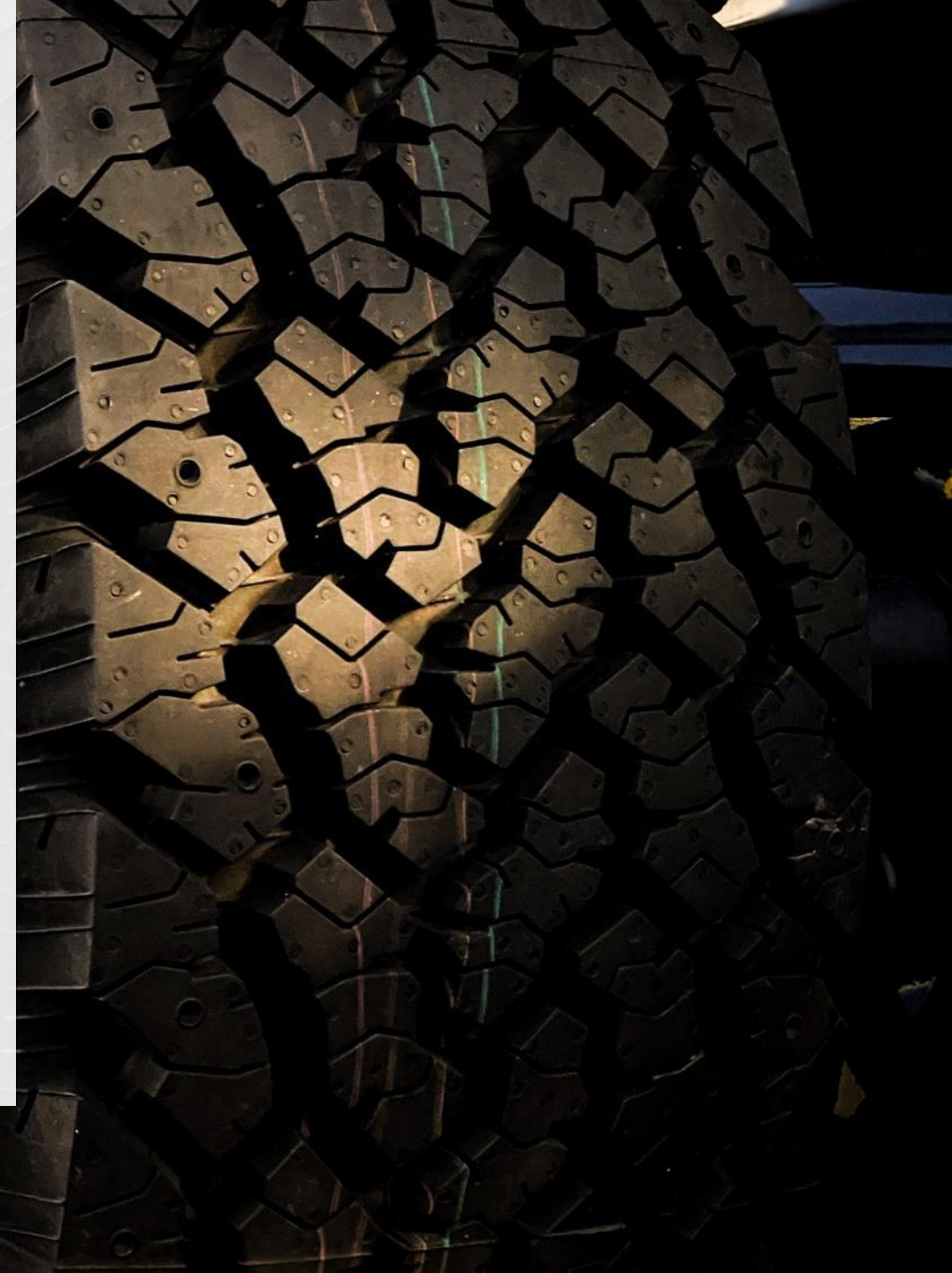


Overview of the Tires Regulation amendments and how they impact service providers

October 27, 2026

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Agenda

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Background

- On September 21, 2026, the Government of Ontario finalized amendments to the [Tires Regulation](#).
- The changes to the Tires Regulation address current market issues and aim to ensure that more tires are collected and recycled. The changes are intended to help:
 - Prevent tires from accumulating at collection sites, or being sent to tire stockpiles.
 - Improve tire collection and help reduce collection disruptions by requiring tire producers and PROs to collect more tires.
 - Address existing backlogs and improve the reliability of tire collection services for communities and businesses.
- For further information about the amendments, [read the decision notice on the Environmental Registry of Ontario](#).

Changes to the Tires Regulation



Summary of amendments to the Tires Regulation

- Increasing the management target from 65% to 80%, which applies to the 2026 performance year and each year after.
- Starting in 2027, increasing the number of required tire collection sites from roughly 4,300 sites to roughly 6,500 sites. 220 (10%) of the additional 2,200 sites must be in Northern Ontario.
- Starting in 2027, moving the deadline for PROs to report their tire collection networks to the beginning of each year and adding conditions that limit when collection network sites may be changed during the year.
- Adding rules to provide clarity for PROs that choose to share tire collection sites or trade performance to meet targets on behalf of their producer clients.

Increased management targets from 65% to 80% (1/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s. 12 (1), (14), and (17)

- Starting with the 2026 performance year, and every year after, producers must manage 80% of tires they supplied into Ontario, based on a three-year rolling average, up from 65%.
- The 80% management target applies to the full 2026 year. The **increase is not pro-rated** for when the amendment took effect.
- Tires must be collected in 2026 and processed by March 31, 2027.
- By May 31, 2027, producers, or PROs on their behalf, haulers, retreaders and processors must report 2026 recovery and management results for managing used tires.

Increased management targets from 65% to 80%

(2/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s. 12 (1), (14), and (17)

- RPRA has updated producers' 2026 and 2027 management target in RPRA's registry using information from producers' 2025 and 2026 annual supply reports.
- Once a producer has confirmed their revised management target, they must notify their PRO.
- **PROs will only be aware of revised management targets if a producer notifies them directly.**
- A reminder that RPRA is not responsible for any changes to the terms and conditions of a producer's contract with their PRO, or other service provider.

Acquiring managed tire tonnage to meet management targets

(1/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s. 12(9) and 12(10)

- Starting in 2026 and every year thereafter, PROs, on behalf of producers can count acquired tires toward management targets, if a written agreement is in place.
- **Who the agreement is with:** Between one or more PROs, or between the PRO and the hauler, processor or retreader.
- The agreement must:
 - Be signed before the end of the target year (for example, an agreement for 2026 must be signed by December 31, 2026)
 - Set out how the cost of the acquired tires is calculated
 - Describe how the tires meet the regulatory requirements
- A producer can contract directly with a service provider to acquire tires toward their management targets. The agreement must meet the same requirements.

Acquiring managed tire tonnage to meet management targets

(2/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s. 12(9) and 12(10)

- PROs, on behalf of their producers, should actively monitor progress towards their producer's management targets and work proactively to achieve them before the end of the year with the service providers they have contracted with.
- If corrective actions are needed to address anticipated shortfalls, PROs should be speaking directly with the service providers.
- Surplus managed tires cannot be carried forward to the next performance year.

Additional collection sites

(1/2)

O. Reg. 225/18 s. 9.1 (1) and (2)

- An additional 2,200 tire collection sites are required, with at least 220 (10%) of these sites located in Northern Ontario
 - The 2,200 sites must meet the same site standards as other public collection sites
 - They cannot be replaced with collection events
 - They are not tied to a base municipality, so the adjacent-municipality siting rule does not apply to them
 - No distribution requirement beyond the 220 sites in Northern Ontario* — the remaining sites can be located anywhere in the province
- The tire collection sites can be shared between producers or PROs.

*Northern Ontario includes the following territorial districts: Algoma, Cochrane, Kenora, Manitoulin, Nipissing, Parry Sound, Rainy River, Sudbury, Thunder Bay, Timiskaming.

Additional collection sites

(2/2)

O. Reg. 225/18 s. 9.1 (1) and (2)

- The sites must be listed in the tire collection report PROs must submit to RPRA by January 1, 2027, on an annual basis.
- Producers responsible for establishing the additional 2,200 sites
 - Large producers (i.e. average weight of supply is 11,765 kg or more) — under either option, population-based or retail
 - Producers without a retail location if they elect the population-based site option
- The additional of 2,200 sites, will ensure more sites that generate used tires get collection service from PROs and service providers.

Collection system requirements – sharing of collection sites

O. Reg. 225/18, s.5(3) and (4)

- Starting in 2027, PROs who choose to share collection sites to meet collection network requirements must have a written agreement in place by January 1 of each year that sets out:
 - Each PRO's obligations to arrange collection from that site
 - How tires collected from that site will be managed throughout the calendar year
- This agreement is separate from the agreement PROs may have for acquiring managed tire tonnage.

Collection system requirements – reporting of sites (1/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s.18.2(1)

- Producers, or PROs on their behalf, must report the following to RPRA by January 1 of every year:
 - A full list of collection sites and events (including locations, dates, and contact information)
 - The name of each PRO who will share responsibility for the collection sites
- The first tire collection report is due January 1, 2027.
- This information is used to update the [Where to Recycle map](#), which provides details of public sites and events for Ontario consumers.
- Producers should confirm with their PRO, that the reported tire collection system meets their accessibility requirements.

Collection system requirements – reporting of sites (2/2)

O. Reg. 225/18, s.18.2(2) and 10.2

- Once a collection site is reported to RPRA in the tire collection report, it can only be substituted if the site closes or the operator no longer agrees to be a collection site.
- PROs must update the report no later than 15 days after one of the following changes:
 - Establishing a new collection site to fulfill accessibility requirements
 - Substituting a tire collection site
 - Arranging a new public tire collection event
 - Substituting a public tire collection event

PRO financial information report

O. Reg. 225/18, s. 19(1), paras. 3–6, and s. 19(2)

- PROs are now required to report on financial information to RPRA annually.
- No later than December 31, 2026, PROs will have to submit a one-time interim report with financial data from 2023-2025.
- Starting in 2027, the report is due May 31, to align with other annual reporting requirements (i.e. supply and performance).
- Information submitted must include:
 - total cost incurred to meet producers' obligations, by tire type
 - cost per tonne to collect
 - cost per tonne to manage
 - the methodology or methodologies the PRO used to calculate costs charged to its producer clients for services provided

Key dates and next steps



Key upcoming dates

September 21, 2026
(On filing of regulation)

December 31, 2026

January 1, 2027

May 31, 2027

Tire management
target revised
for 2026

First PRO financial report
for 2023, 2024 and 2025
due to RPRA

First collection site report due
and increased collection site
requirements in effect

2026 performance report
against the 80%
management target and the
2026 financial report due

RPRA's next steps

- Prioritizing updating the tires Collection System Compliance Bulletin and the Collection System and Minimum Management Requirements Guideline.
- Update the website to include the guidance provided today, including this presentation and webinar recording.
- Continue to work with tire PROs to obtain financial reporting information required to be submitted by December 31, 2026.

Emergency Tire Storage Capacity: How to Apply for an Emergency Waste Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA)

Information Session for Tire PROs, Processors, Haulers and Other Stakeholders

Purpose

- The Ministry recognizes that recent regulatory changes have increased demand for interim tire storage capacity.
- Stakeholders have identified a need for additional storage while tire collection, transportation and processing capacity adapts to increased management requirements.
- This session is intended to:

Explain how emergency Waste ECA approvals may help address short-term storage needs.

Provide information on the emergency ECA application process.

Outline information required to support review.

Help applicants prepare complete applications.

Emergency Waste ECA Pathway Overview

Emergency applications may be submitted for:

Existing Approved Sites

Waste ECA amendments for emergency tire storage increases.

New Storage Sites

New Waste ECAs for emergency tire storage.

Important Information:

- Both ECA amendments and new ECAs may be submitted as emergency ECA applications.
- The same emergency waste application process applies to both.
- Emergency approvals are temporary.
- Approved storage will have a maximum term of 1 year.
- If storage is required beyond the emergency approval period, a permanent ECA amendment will be required.
- Permanent amendments should be submitted approximately six months before the emergency tire storage condition expires.

Emergency ECAs are intended to address immediate storage needs while longer-term solutions are pursued well before expiry.

Before You Apply: Pre-Consultation

The Ministry requires:

Pre-consultation with Christopher Munro, Priority Projects Approvals at MECP, to confirm that the site and application should proceed as an emergency ECA application.

- Pre-consultation is necessary as it provides an opportunity to discuss:
 - Proposed storage volumes.
 - Site-specific considerations.
 - Supporting documentation requirements.
 - Potential information gaps.
- Christopher Munro and the Priority Projects Approvals Team at the Ministry are available to discuss proposed storage opportunities and emergency application requirements.

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Note: Other approvals (stormwater, air & noise emissions) may be required depending on activities at a site. These can be discussed at pre-consultation.



Submitting your Application

There are 7 steps that must be completed when submitting your application:

1. Follow the standard ECA application process
2. Submit a Completed ECA Application to: ECA.Submission@ontario.ca
3. Copy Christopher Munro at christopher.munro@ontario.ca on the submission
4. Confirm that a pre-consultation meeting has occurred.
5. State that Priority Review status has been granted.
6. State that the Waste ECA amendment is exempt from ERO comment period requirements because it is an emergency application.
 - ☐ The cover letter should clearly identify the request as an emergency Waste ECA application and confirm key review requirements have been met.
7. Pay the applicable application fee.

Submitting your Application: Design & Operations Report Requirements

At a Minimum, the Cover Letter and Design & Operations Report (D&O) should describe:

The timing required for the request to be completed.

How long the site wishes to have the storage increase.

Impacts on traffic and trucks.

How long tires will be stored.

Where tires will be stored.

Size and height of current and proposed tire piles.

Whether tires will be processed (e.g., shredding, baling).

Service area for tires.

Where tires will be taken.

Security of the site and storage area.

Existing D&O Reports may be updated.

- A D&O addendum focused on tire storage is acceptable for emergency applications.

Emergency Planning Requirements

Applicants should be prepared to discuss how emergency planning will address the proposed increase in tire storage.

For Waste ECA Amendments Applicants should indicate:	Important Information	For New Waste ECAs
• Whether the site has a current Emergency Plan that addresses tire storage. • Whether the Emergency Plan has been approved by the local fire department. • Whether the proposed increase in tire storage falls within the existing Emergency Plan.	• The Emergency Plan needs to be approved by the local fire department. • Proponents should seek fire department approval ASAP. • In some cases this approval may be a condition of the ECA and would not necessarily hold up the ECA approval	• An Emergency Plan, approved by the local fire department, will be required. • Proponents should seek fire department approval ASAP. • In some cases this approval may be a condition of the ECA and would not necessarily hold up the ECA approval

Applicants must identify the following Environment Information:

Stormwater Management – where stormwater from the proposed tire storage area will go	Environmental Impacts – whether the proposed storage site may result in impacts to groundwater, surface water, air, odour, and/ or noise
Fire Water Management – where fire water will go if a fire occurs in the proposed storage area	Whether the site has an Industrial Sewage Works ECA

Site Information Requirements:

Applications Should Include:

A Site Plan showing:

- Proposed tire storage areas.
- Surrounding site details.

A Site Description of:

- Site operations.
- Other activities occurring at the site.

Property Ownership. If the applicant does not own the property:

- A letter of support from the property owner must be provided.

Neighbour Notification Requirements

Applicants must complete neighbour notification using the ministry template and provide notification to:

- All businesses within 500 metres.
- All residences within 500 metres.

Include With the Application

- Copy of the notification letter.
- List of all addresses that received the letter.

Financial Assurance Requirements

If **not** exempt From Financial Assurance, the application should include:

- Financial Assurance evaluation.
- Financial Assurance estimate.
- Supporting calculations.
- Minimum of two third-party quotes supporting assumptions and cost estimates.

Temporary Storage Consideration

- Financial Assurance would also be tied to the expiry of the approved storage authorization

Summary

Key Takeaways:

- Contact Christopher Munro early
- Pre-consultation is required before submitting an emergency Waste ECA application
- Emergency Waste ECAs will be temporary and limited to one year
- Applications should include sufficient information regarding storage operations, environmental protection and emergency planning
- Neighbour Notification, Financial Assurance, and Fire Department Approval requirements should be considered early in the application process



Questions?