

Scrap Tire Marketing Program

2011 Septic Field Media Reimbursement Program

General Information

Alabama generates an estimated five million scrap tires annually, with up to an additional four million imported from other states. Even though more than seven million of these tires are beneficially reused each year, there is still much room to expand scrap tire reuse. The septic field media reimbursement program will increase awareness and use of scrap tire material in septic drain fields. Scrap tires are cut into small pieces known as Tire-Derived Aggregate (TDA) to be used in place of traditional gravel/sand aggregate. Studies have shown that TDA performs equivalently to stone aggregate while being much easier to handle. Monies derived from the scrap tire marketing fund put in place by the Alabama Scrap Tire Environmental Quality Act (ASTEQA) will be utilized to allocate \$100,000 for the septic field media reimbursement program.

Eligibility and Requirements

- Homeowners installing individual residential systems in Alabama
- Applies only to use of TDA as drainage media
- Tire chips, installation, and system design must meet or exceed Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal requirements
- System must be installed by an Alabama Onsite Wastewater Board (AOWB) licensed installer
- Reimbursement requires preapproval from ADEM through completion and approval of a Septic Field Media Reimbursement Application.

Reimbursement

- Reimbursement will cap at \$2,500 per home and will cover the cost of the TDA purchase, transportation, and installation only
- Preference will be given to installations using TDA from Alabama-generated scrap tires

Application information can be found at ADEM's website <http://www.adem.alabama.gov/> or by contacting the scrap tire marketing program:

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