IT IS REALLY EASY TO TELL THE AGE OF A TIRE – HERE'S HOW!

Right now the way we treat scrap tires is a recipe for illegal dumping! CRC is doing something about this and we need your help! Tire and rubber manufacturers are telling our legislators that illegal dumping of tires is no longer an issue. We know that's not true and so do you! To help, please give us information about the age of the tires you find during your cleanup.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) requires that Tire Identification Numbers be a combination of the letters DOT, followed by eight to thirteen letters and/or numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size and manufacturer's code, along with the week and year the tire was manufactured.

Tires Manufactured After 2000

Since 2000, the week and year the tire was produced has been provided by the **last four digits** of the Tire Identification Number with the 2 digits being used to identify the week immediately preceding the 2 digits used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured since 2000 with the current Tire Identification Number format:

In the example above: DOT U2LL LMLR 5107

51 Manufactured during the 51st week of the year

07 Manufactured during 2007

While the entire Tire Identification Number is required to be branded onto one sidewall of every tire, current regulations also require that DOT and the first digits of the Tire Identification Number must also be branded onto the opposite sidewall. Therefore you may see a Tire Identification Number that appears incomplete. You would need to look at the tire's opposite sidewall to find the entire Tire Identification Number.

Tires Manufactured Before 2000

The Tire Identification Number for tires produced prior to 2000 was based on the assumption that tires would not be in service for more than ten years. While they were required to provide the same information as today's tires, the week and year the tire was produced was contained in the **last three digits**. The 2 digits used to identify the week a tire was manufactured immediately preceded a single digit used to identify the year.

Example of a tire manufactured before 2000 with the earlier Tire Identification Number format:

In the example above: DOT EJ8J DFM 408

40   Manufactured during the 40th week of the year

8   Manufactured during the 8th year of the decade

While the previous Tire Identification Number format identified that a tire was built in the 8th year of a decade, there was no universal identifier that confirmed which decade (tires produced in the 1990s may have a small triangle following the Tire Identification Number to identify the decade).

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE <u>TIRE REPORT</u> ON NEXT PAGE.

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TIRE REPORT

We are interested in the age of the tires you find! Determining the age of a tire is very easy - just follow the instructions provided. Keep track of the age of tires you find by putting tally marks in the corresponding block below. Thank you for helping solve the problem of trash tires!

Connecticut River Conservancy

UHI ← *these are tally marks*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Group Name: _____

CLEANUP SITE INFORMATION

Cleanup Location: Water body: _____ Town: _____ State: _____

Prior to 2000 (Up to 1999)	2000-2009	2010 – PRESENT

Could not determine age