You helped retrieve TIRES from the river, now what?

1. COLLECT
Gather and remove tires from the river

2. CLEAN
Rinse the tires so they can be recycled

3. DROP
Drop off rinsed tires at a designated location (see ctriver.org/cleanup for details)

4. DATE
Record the date the tires were manufactured to provide CRC with valuable data (see reverse)

What’s Next for the Tires?
Right now, many tires are repurposed in one of the following end-use markets:

- Tire-derived fuel
- Ground rubber (crumb rubber)
- Other uses, such as civil engineering, concrete, rubber mulch

BUT, we still have tires being illegally dumped and tires that end up in landfills. CRC would like to see policies in place to track what happens to tires and incentivize additional new markets to reuse and recycle waste tire materials.

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Importance of Aging a Tire (and how to)

Oftentimes manufacturers say that the tires we find are old tires, but we know that is not true! Aging a tire is important because it shows legislators and manufacturers that illegal tire dumping is a current issue.

How to Date a Tire: 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 first 2 numbers = the week, last 2 numbers = the year

Created during the 51st week of the year 2007!

Are you seeing a number that looks incomplete??

The first digits of the Tire Identification Number must also be branded onto the opposite sidewall. Flip that tire over to find the entire Tire Identification Number!

Tires created before 2000 contain the dates in the last 3 digits, the first two digits are the week of the year, the last digit is the year of a given decade (decades were not specified).

# of tires created after 2010
(4-digit code ending in 10+)

# of tires created 2000-2009
(4-digit code ending in 00-09)

# of tires created prior to 2000
(3-digit code)

# of tires you can’t decode

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name: ______________________________
Group Name: _____________________________
Cleanup Date: ____________

CLEANUP SITE INFORMATION

Cleanup Location: __________________________
Water body: _______________________________
Town: _________________________________
State: ______________
Drop-off location: __________________________
Address: _________________________________

Please submit your data into our online form here: