
PRESS RELEASE

June 5 is World Environment Day
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In 2014 tire retreading helped divert 31,075 tons of old tires from landfills. Airp, the *Italian Tyre Retreaders Association*, thinks proper to publicly disclose this figure in view of *World Environment Day* coming up on June 5.

The important ecologic result achieved thanks to retreaded tires has widely benefited our global community. Tire replacement in the EU, in fact, generates millions of waste tires annually, to which the ones arising from end-of-life vehicles must be added. As known, used tire disposal strongly affects our environment, since a disused tire takes about 100 years to completely deteriorate. Tire retreading allows saving up to 70% of a tire's raw materials and, as already said, diverts many and many tons of old tires from landfills every year. In addition to remarkable environmental benefits, including a 30% reduction of CO₂ emissions compared to new tires, tire retreading also helps save money. In 2014, in fact, retreading helped Italy save up to 107.2 million liters of oil, and Italian users up to 279.1 million Euro.

The fundamental importance of retreaded tires has also been acknowledged by Italian lawmakers, who have made it mandatory for public fleets to reserve 20% of their spare tire purchases for retreads. Still considering the ecological benefits of tire retreading, and based on a correct interpretation of European regulations, used tires that get a second life through retreading are no longer considered waste and are, therefore, exempt from waste control regulations.

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