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RMA Opposes Raising Colorado Scrap Tire Fee

Buying a set of four tires will cost Colorado consumers an additional \$13 if lawmakers approve a proposed increase in the state tire fee to \$3.25 per tire.

The tire industry, led by RMA, has been working for nearly two decades to promote market-based solutions to using scrap tires and reasonable regulations to clean up piles of scrap tires. RMA supports fees on new tires to fund scrap tire management goals such as the cleanup of discarded tires and creation of markets for scrap tires. Currently, Colorado diverts 80 percent of its current tire fee to other purposes and has not been active in either stockpile abatement or developing markets for the 4.5 million scrap tires the State generates each year, the RMA said in opposing the fee hike.

If the \$1.75 per-tire fee hike is enacted, Colorado consumers
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White House Playground Uses Recycled Rubber Safety Surface

Playground surface used in the White House installation chosen for its safety and environmental factors

The new first-ever playground installed at the White House recently is equipped with Playsafer Rubber Mulch and Rubber Curbs from Rubberecycle.com of Lakewood New Jersey.

"We were told Sasha and Malia love their new playground, and we're honored to be a part of keeping them and millions of other children safe, while promoting a renewable resource," Keith Sacks, Rubberecycle's Vice President said.

"Like many first families, the Obama's have added their personal touch to the White House. From the vegetable garden to the new playground, they have been very conscientious and involved in these decisions, he said. "They chose Rubberecycle's Rubber Mulch and Rubber Curbs for their new playground both for safety and for its 'Green' attributes."

Barbara Tulipane, and Rich Dolesh of The National Recreation and Park Association and Tom Norquist of Game Time emphasized playground safety in their presentation of playground options to White House officials.

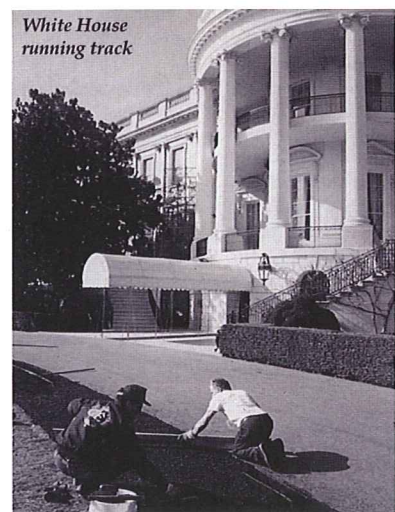
Playsafer Rubber Mulch, which has been shown to absorb more shock impact than most other playground surface materials, was selected for its safety rating, Sacks said.

The White House playground surface was made from 1,400 used tires and conforms to all CPSC, ASTM, and IPEMA (The International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association) safety guidelines and is ADA approved.

While this is the first playground on the White House grounds, it is not the first use of recycled rubber. In 1993, during the Clinton administration, a recycled rubber running track was installed. ♦



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White House running track