



Modernizing Oregon recycling

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Recycling in Oregon needs an update

Challenges

Public confusion

Increasing costs

Less recycling

Inequities throughout system

No assurance of responsible recycling

No role for producers



The Story of Plastic

Recycling in Oregon needs an update

Solution

Expert committee

Shared responsibility

Producers becoming partners
across the globe

Covers products in Oregon's
waste system

Producers acknowledge need



Definitions

Covered product

Packaging, printing and writing paper, food serviceware items

Producer

Assigns responsibility depending on type of covered product (retail packaging, e-commerce packaging, food serviceware, printed paper)

Producer responsibility organization

Producers join to consolidate resources and satisfy most of their requirements

Producer obligations

Join a PRO

Join a producer responsibility organization by July 1, 2025

- Implement approved program plans
- Submit annual reports

Eco-modulation

Pay fees that incentivize environmentally responsible design

PRO funding for:

- Reducing contamination at the source
- Improving collection for multifamily properties
- Expanding collection
- Equalizing transportation costs

Producer obligations



- Create educational resources that serve diverse communities
- Special material collections
- Fund local litter prevention and control

Advisory Council

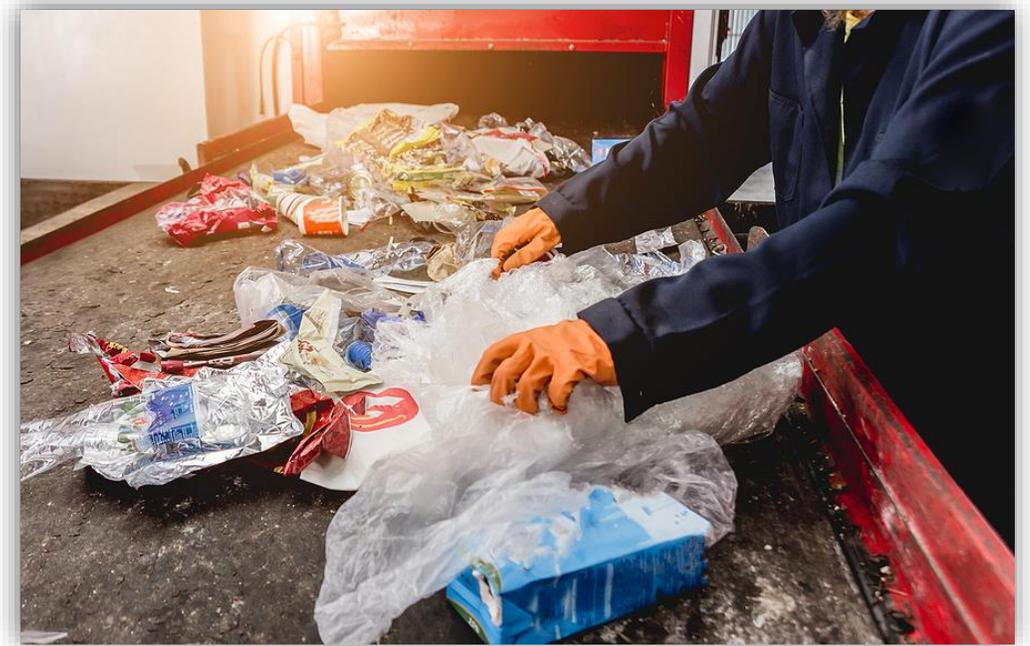
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- 15 members from diverse backgrounds
 - Local government
 - Underserved groups
 - Small business
 - Environmental nonprofits
 - Recycling industry
 - Producers
- Advise DEQ and producer responsibility organizations
 - Review program plan and other key elements

Processor obligations

- Meet new performance standards
 - Permit or certification
- Provide workers with living wages and supportive benefits
- Requirements for sorting, contamination, responsible end markets, and transparency



Local government obligations



- Support effective recycling for multifamily and commercial multi-tenant properties
- Implement direct feedback programs to reduce contamination
- Funded by producers

Recycling collection list

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Statewide list

- DEQ establishes uniform statewide collection list
- Will reduce public confusion

Additional materials

Identify additional materials that producers will be responsible for (not part of commingled system)

Specifically identified materials

Difficult to recycle materials that require additional measures in producer program plans

Additional producer obligations



- Funds for:
 - Contamination removal
 - Protecting ratepayers
- Continuous improvement for advancing equity
- Plastics recycling goal
- Waste prevention and reuse grants

Truth in labeling

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Prohibits misleading labels

Prohibits the sale of products that make a deceptive or misleading claim regarding recyclability or compostability

Requires qualified claims

If material is *not* on uniform statewide list, must qualify claims with additional information

Practical considerations

- No requirements of Oregon-specific labels or labels that conflict with other state laws
- Two-year grace period

Enforcement, etc.



- Compliance, oversight and enforcement by DEQ
- Eliminates economic test that allows disposal of recyclables

Major outcomes of modernizing recycling

Convenient and clear
for the public to use



Advance equity in the
recycling system



Materials are actually
recycled and in a
responsible way



Reduce environmental
and human health
impacts





Thank you

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