

Extended producer responsibility in the Yukon: Details of the Proposal for producers

Note: this document outlines what is proposed to be part of Extended Producer Responsibility during the current engagement period. A final regulation resulting from this engagement may not exactly reflect this document.

What is extended producer responsibility or EPR?

- EPR is a regulatory framework that places financial and operational responsibility for end-of-life waste management of products and packaging on the producers of products and packaging. This includes collection and recovery of the materials.
- EPR has become the standard model in Canada for recycling many types of products.

Who will be obligated to participate? Who is a producer?

- Producers can be manufacturers, brand-owners, importers or others who supply products into the Yukon. The exact definition of a producer is still being determined.
- A franchisor will take on producer responsibility on behalf of their franchisees.
- Companies importing products into the Yukon for their own commercial use may also become producers.
- For producers of printed paper and packaging (PPP) small business exemptions are being proposed, including less than 1 tonne of PPP to the market or have annual revenue below a threshold (likely between \$1 and \$2 million). Exempt businesses will be required to keep proof of exemption on record.

How will obligated producers fulfill their obligations?

- Producers will fulfill responsibilities by establishing and operating EPR programs.
- Producers will be able to operate their own EPR programs or to engage an agency, typically referred to as producer responsibility organization (PRO), to operate on their behalf.

What products will be included?

1. **Printed paper and packaging (PPP)** category will include packaging, paper products, packaging-like products, and single-use items, same as in British Columbia.
 - Glass and Styrofoam may be included.
 - Some or all PPP supplied to industrial, commercial and institutional entities may be included alongside the residential sectors.
2. **Household hazardous waste (HHW)** category will include solvents and flammable liquids, domestic pesticides, paint, and household batteries.
 - Other types of HHW may be included such as lights, non-refillable compressed gas cylinders, alarms and mercury containing devices.

- HHW supplied to all sectors (residential, commercial, industrial and institutional) will be included
- 3. **Automotive waste** category will include waste oil, waste antifreeze, empty containers and oil filters.
 - Diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) and their containers may also be included.
 - Oil and antifreeze supplied to all sectors (residential, commercial, industrial and institutional) will be included.

How will the EPR programs be developed and run?

- Producers, or PROs on their behalf, will develop a stewardship plan in consultation with stakeholders.
- The plans will be submitted to the government for review and approval. Every five years, producers will review the plans and propose more ambitious targets.
- The plan will outline:
 - Waste diversion metrics and associated targets
 - Targets for accessibility and service levels of the collection network
 - Plans for public awareness efforts
 - How the proposed targets will be met
 - How collected products will be managed at end-of-life
- Program operator, likely a PRO, will set up and run the program, typically by setting up contracts with local waste service providers.
- Annual reports will be prepared to describe the operational and financial performance of the program, including:
 - Amounts of materials supplied to the Yukon
 - Description of the collection network and events
 - Amounts of collected materials
 - How collected material was managed at end-of-life
 - Performance against approved targets
 - Audited financial statements for any visible fees

Who will approve and oversee EPR programs?

- The government will:
 - Review and approve stewardship plans
 - Review annual reports
 - Oversee program performance
 - Conduct compliance and enforcement

How do I share my feedback?

- Attend a stakeholder information session and respond to the discussion paper.
- Details available at [Yukon.ca/engagements](https://www.yukon.ca/engagements) and [Yukon.ca/extended-producer-responsibility](https://www.yukon.ca/extended-producer-responsibility)