

What to expect with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

This provincial policy will be a major change for all municipalities and the recycling industry in Alberta.

What is EPR?

Under Extended Producer Responsibility, producers (manufacturers and brands) are responsible for the management of their materials once they become waste. It **shifts the responsibility** of recycling from municipalities to the producers that make the goods.

Extended Producer Responsibility will be implemented across the province for single-family households on **April 1, 2025**.

What Calgarians can expect with EPR

- Reduced blue cart fee on the ENMAX bill
- Continued high-quality collection and customer service from The City of Calgary with a seamless transition and maintained service levels.
- More efficient, effective and consistent recycling system

EPR covers three streams of materials:

Material: Packaging and paper products which you know as blue cart materials.



Start date (single-family): **April 2025**
Start date (multi-family): **October 2026**

Material: Hazardous and special products, some of what we call household hazardous waste.



Start date : **April 2025**

Material: Household batteries




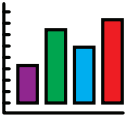


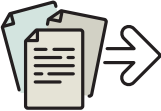
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Benefits of EPR

- Empowers producers to:
 - ▶ choose packaging that can be recycled more easily
 - ▶ design and produce less packaging waste
 - ▶ take advantage of economies of scale to make recycling more effective and efficient.
- Standardizes the list of recyclable materials accepted across the province and **creates consistent recycling outcomes** for all municipalities.

Changing Responsibilities

The City of Calgary will **no longer directly oversee or approve the operations of collection and recycling programs** for materials included in the provincial EPR program. However, **Waste & Recycling Services will continue as the collection service provider** working with producers in the new EPR system. We have the people, equipment and expertise to help ensure a seamless transition to EPR with the same high-quality services Calgarians rely on.

Role	Current state	Under EPR
 <p>Regulator Mandates regulations including recycling targets</p>	Council	The Province – Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (AEPA)
 <p>Oversight Ensures compliance and measures performance</p>	Committee / Council	EPR Administrator Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) <i>Accountable to The Province to provide oversight for EPR systems.</i>
 <p>Funder Pays for recycling</p>	Calgarians <i>Through user fees</i>	Producers <i>There are some parts of Calgary's current service that producers are not obligated to fund.</i>
 <p>Service Design Establishes how recycling programs will operate</p>	Waste & Recycling Services	Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) <i>PROs act on behalf of producers to collect, process, and market EPR material streams.</i>
 <p>Service Delivery Collection, processing, promotion and education</p>	Waste & Recycling Services	Service providers contracted by PROs <i>Waste & Recycling Services will be the service provider for Calgary to help ensure a seamless transition for Calgarians.</i>

For more information about Extended Producer Responsibility, visit calgary.ca/epr.

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