



Transition to Extended Producer Responsibility

6 February 2025

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What is Extended Producer Responsibility?

A **Government of Alberta policy** that **shifts responsibility and cost** for managing designated materials to producers and away from local governments.



Packaging and paper products








Hazardous and special products



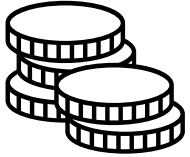
Household batteries



Changing Roles and Responsibilities

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>

What does this mean for Calgarians?



Reduced Blue Cart program fees



Seamless service transition and same high service levels



More efficient, effective and consistent recycling system



Recommended rate adjustment

Monthly Blue Cart Program Charge

	2025 (April 1)	2026
Current	\$9.34	\$9.52
Change	- \$7.17	- \$7.35
Recommended	\$2.17	\$2.17

Waste & Recycling will monitor the financial outcomes of Extended Producer Responsibility and investigate options to update, clarify and simplify its rate structure.



Recommendations

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