

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

This provincial policy enhances efficiency, performance and consistency of recycling for Alberta municipalities and residents.

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.

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.

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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EPR highlights

April 1, 2025


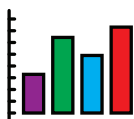


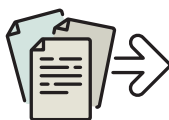
- ▶ Reduced blue cart program charge for single-family homes
- ▶ Continued high-quality blue cart collection and customer service from The City of Calgary

October 1, 2026

- ▶ Inclusion of multi-family buildings to also provide recycling collection savings for registered properties*

Roles and Responsibilities

Prior to EPR, The City of Calgary and Waste & Recycling Services oversaw all aspects of the single-family residential recycling service. In this new provincial system, WRS continues to provide blue cart collection while the other responsibilities have transitioned to other authorities and organizations to lead.

Recycling role	Previous state Prior to April 1, 2025	Current state Effective April 1, 2025
 <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	Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) <i>Accountable to The Province to provide oversight for EPR systems as EPR administrator</i>
 <p>Funder Pays for recycling</p>	Calgarians <i>Through user fees</i>	Producers – manufacturers, brands and companies that create EPR waste <i>Some blue cart program aspects are not required to be funded by producers.</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 provides blue cart collection services and education for Calgary.</i>

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

*Service providers for registered multi-family buildings are still being determined by the PRO.