

Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act Update

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About Materials Management

The 2050 Vision describes how people in Oregon:



Produce and use materials



Conserve resources



Protect the environment



Live well

Materials Management in Oregon

2050 Vision and Framework for Action

Adopted by the
Environmental Quality Commission
December 6, 2012



State of Oregon
Department of
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Product Stewardship Programs



Printed paper, packaging
and food serviceware
(July 1, 2025, start date)



Mattress Recycling Program



Recycling Challenges

RMA Solutions

Public confusion over what can be recycled

More public education and one statewide collection list

Recycling services only available to some

A system that meets the needs of all communities in Oregon

Unstable markets and burden on ratepayers

Producers share responsibility with local governments and ratepayers

More garbage and less recycling over time

Recycling increases as it becomes easier and more accessible

Lack of transparency and reduced public trust

Oversight of producers and processors to ensure responsible recycling

Developing the RMA



Recycling the Oregon Way



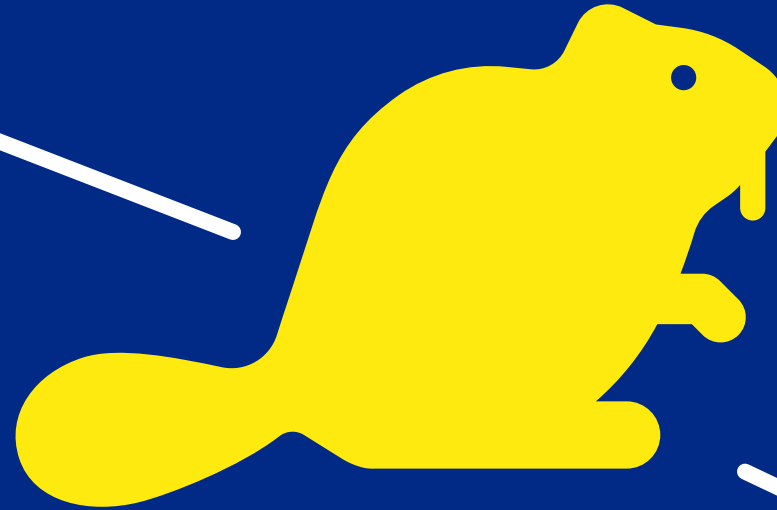
Shared Responsibility

Producers, governments, service providers and community members all play an important role.



Statewide collection list

One recycling list for all of Oregon eliminates confusion.



Expanded recycling services

Funding for new services and programming, infrastructure, and transportation.



Assurance

that materials are recycled responsibly.



Education and outreach

to help customers understand what can be placed in their bins.

Opportunity To Recycle and the RMA

Opportunity To Recycle Act

Portland Metro area, cities with populations of 4,000+ and unincorporated areas within the urban growth boundaries of those cities.

On-route collection of recyclables from garbage service customers.

Supplemental services, such as enhanced promotion or yard debris collection.

Sites that accept garbage from the public such as landfills or transfer stations.

Provide a depot solid waste disposal site or more convenient location where the public can deliver recyclables.

Shared Responsibility System



Oversight and integration



Producer Responsibilities

1

Register

2

Report

3

Pay fees

Scope of the RMA

Examples of items in scope (packaging, printing and writing paper, and food serviceware)



Examples of exempted products under the RMA



Examples of items covered by the Bottle Bill



Beyond Recycling

- Advance social equity
- Assess and disclose environmental impacts
- "Eco-modulate" producer fees based on environmental impacts
- Waste prevention and reuse program



Rulemaking 1 Rules



Conforming updates to existing OTR rules.



Recycling acceptance lists.



PRO convenience standards, performance standards and collection targets.



Responsible end markets and other PRO Requirements



Local Government Compensation

Rulemaking 2 Topics



Recycling processor permitting standards and fees



Living wages and supportive benefits



Waste prevention and reuse fee



Standards for evaluation and disclosure of impacts / ecomodulation

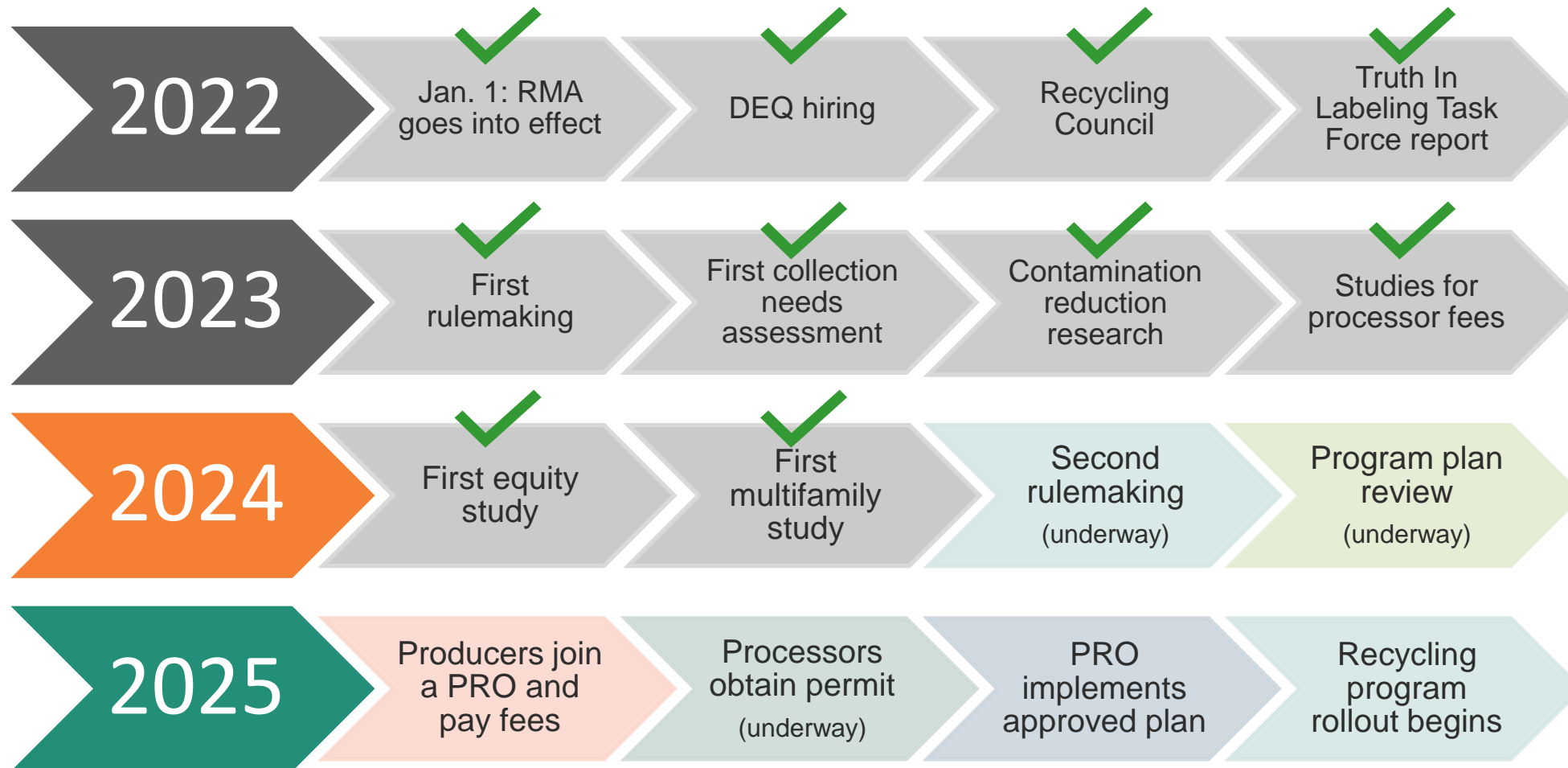


Covered product exemptions



Contamination reduction programming

SB 582 Implementation is Nearly Complete



Thank you!

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