

# Circular Action Alliance's Fee-Setting Guiding Principles

CAA has created a set of seven guiding principles to guide the development of fair and equitable fees payable by producers.

- 1 Harmonization**

The national fee-setting methodology will be used consistently across states, but the fee methodology and rates will vary by state due to state requirements and program costs.
- 2 Fairness**

Producers supplying covered materials to consumers must contribute to the costs of the recycling system, including those who use materials that are not recycled.
- 3 Material-Specific Costs**

Fee rates will reflect material-specific management costs in each state using the best available data.
- 4 Commodity Revenue**

Fee rates will reflect state-specific commodity revenues, and these revenues will be attributed to the corresponding material categories that earned them.
- 5 Eco-modulation**

Fee-setting will account for measurable environmental objectives and state-mandated eco-modulation policies.
- 6 Responsible End Markets**

Fee-setting will factor in the development and maintenance of viable responsible markets with any associated costs attributed to the material category that requires end market development.
- 7 Clarity**

Fee-setting materials and consultations will be prepared and conducted in a manner that clearly communicates to producers the principles, methodologies and approach that Circular Action Alliance is using to determine fee rates.

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# Setting Oregon's Fees

Three main data points are needed to accurately calculate producer fees.

## System Costs

The costs of operating the RMA, including

- System expansion
- Education & outreach materials
- PRO staffing
- Contamination reduction funding

## Number of Producers

CAA is diligently reaching out to producers.

More than 1,200+ producers have already registered with CAA in Oregon.

Robust producer registration reduces free riders in the system.

## Supply Data

The total amount of covered materials producers sell into Oregon.

The total amount of materials in each reporting category (e.g. flexible plastic, glass, wood, paper, etc.)

## Can CAA offer estimates so that producers can budget?



Yes. In the September program plan, CAA will provide interim base fee estimates for **three scenarios**. Producers will have increasingly granular fee estimates available in the December program plan to sufficiently budget for payment by July 1, 2025.

## Sample interim material fees

Here are two examples of the interim base fee estimates that will be included in CAA's September program plan.



Glass

Low	Medium	High
13 ¢/lb.	18 ¢/lb.	22 ¢/lb.



Printed & Writing Paper

Low	Medium	High
4 ¢/lb.	5 ¢/lb.	7 ¢/lb.

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