



Program Plan Cost Reductions

CAA reduced program costs in Oregon by hundreds of millions of dollars between CAA's first and third program plans.

Millions of dollars saved through better data

Recognizing the limitations of DEQ's 2023 Needs Assessment, CAA initiated the Oregon Recycling System Optimization Project to consult local governments and service providers. This effort improved the understanding of future investment needs and created the most comprehensive mapping of Oregon's recycling system. **The new data enabled CAA to refine cost projections, reducing system costs and producer fees in the final plan. A full budget is in Appendix E of the program plan found on the Oregon page at circularaction.org.**



Collection Services Expansion

System sized to meet needs

↓ \$236M



PRO Depots

Optimized depot system design

↓ \$55M



REM Development and Verification

Leveraging a national approach with costs shared across states

↓ \$8.1M



Regulatory Costs

Reduction in the Waste Prevention and Reuse fee due to overall program cost reductions

↓ \$8M



Contamination Reduction

Minor changes in response to updated rules

↓ \$3M



Transportation Reimbursement

Minor changes

↓ \$1.8M

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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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