



Oregon Packaging EPR Update

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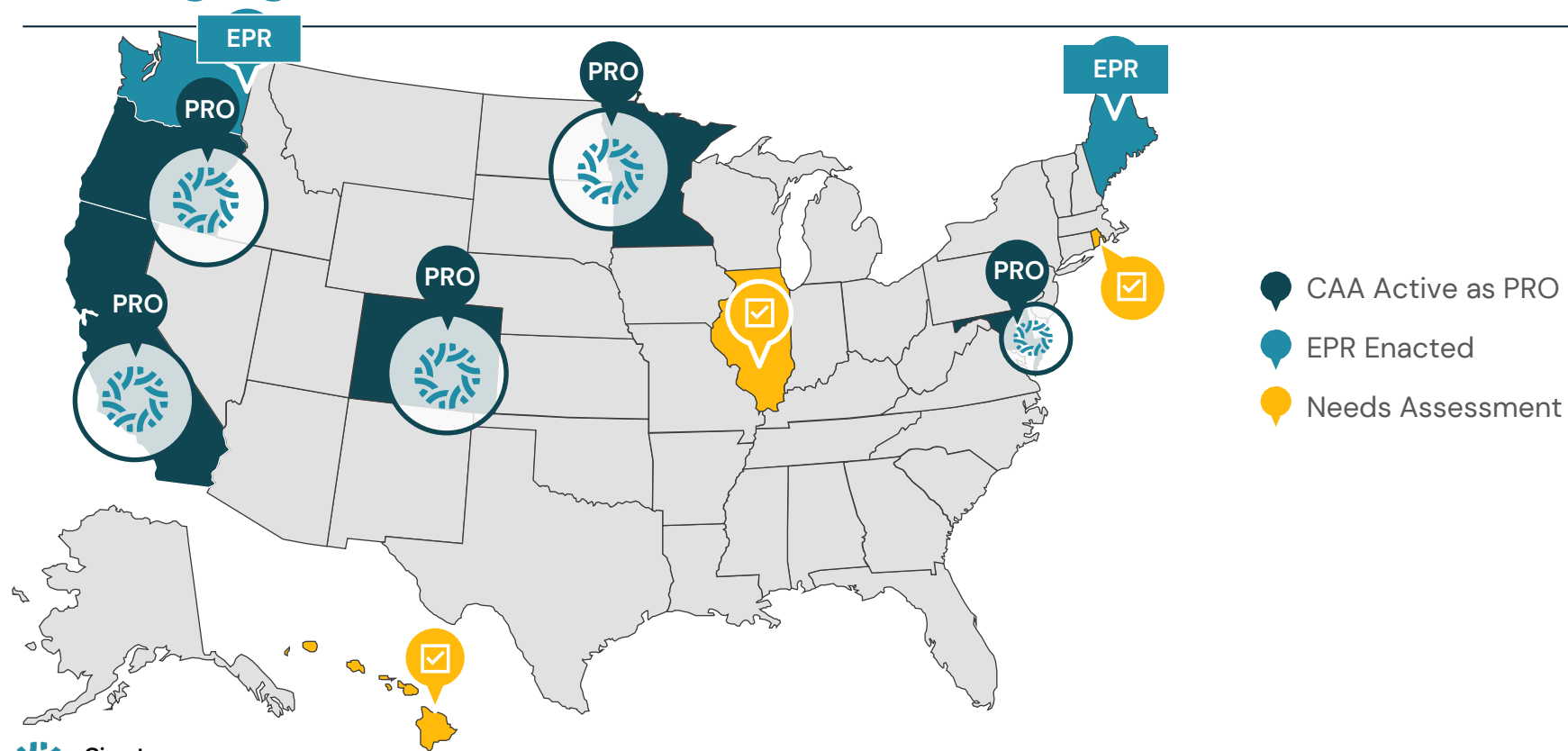


The Role of the PRO

A **Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)** is a producer-led, nonprofit organization that manages and improves the system for collecting and recovering materials after use. We ensure compliance with Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) laws, leading to positive environmental outcomes for communities.



Packaging EPR in the US



The U.S. PRO – Circular Action Alliance

- Circular Action Alliance (CAA) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit PRO dedicated to implementing effective EPR laws for paper and packaging in the U.S.
- CAA was founded by companies from the food, beverage, consumer goods, and retail industries.
- CAA has been approved to be the single PRO in California, Colorado, Maryland, Minnesota and Oregon.



What Producer Fees Pay for in Oregon



Recycling Services Expansion

\$80 million to be invested statewide to expand recycling access, including 150,000+ new recycling bins and nearly 100 new collection trucks.



Responsible Recycling

Investments in Responsible End Market development and auditing to ensure materials are recycled correctly without causing harm to communities.



RecycleOn Centers

Funding for 140+ RecycleOn Centers statewide, where people can drop off additional materials not accepted in curbside recycling without charge.



Education & Outreach

Consistent, statewide recycling education developed and printed by CAA to take the guesswork out of what goes in the recycling bin.



Contamination Reduction

Direct funding to recycling sorting facilities to support improvements for removing non-recyclables and help increase the commodity value of materials.



Reimbursements

Approximately 66% of CAA's Oregon program expenses are allocated to reimbursements for local governments, service providers, processors, and others to support ongoing system operations.

By The Numbers as of 12/23/2025

**Producers Who Have
Registered in Oregon***

2,936

Producers continue to show up
and be involved.

**RecycleOn Centers
expected to open in 2026**

73

Expanding recycling options for
items not currently accepted in
the curbside bin.

**Primary Funding
Agreements Signed**

135

The first step for communities to
receive funding from CAA.

**Funds Distributed to
Recycling Sorting
Facilities**

\$13.8m

As of Nov. 2025, to support
upgrades and stabilize market
fluctuations that raise costs.

**RecycleOn Centers
Opened in 2025**

20

Drop-off recycling centers.
Exceeding the goal of 15 planned
to open this year.

**Contamination Reduction
Payments for Eligible
Communities**

\$2.47+m

Helping reduce contamination
before it starts.

By The Numbers as of 12/23/2025

Number of Self-attested
End Markets & Brokers

79

The first step for a Responsible
End Market designation. Helping
to rebuild trust in recycling.

Education & Outreach
Materials Printed

310,000+

At no cost to communities.
Helping Oregonians recycle with
confidence.

Number of Recycling
Trucks Ordered in 2025

14

Expanding curbside recycling to
communities lacking service.
Deliveries start in Spring 2026.

Samples Sorted at the
Contamination Audit
Center in 2025

250

Allowing for data-driven
decision making to improve
program outcomes.

RecycleOn Completed
Video Views

71.6m

Spreading the word that
recycling is changing for the
better.

Recycling Carts Ordered

50,484

Allowing more communities
access to robust
curbside recycling.
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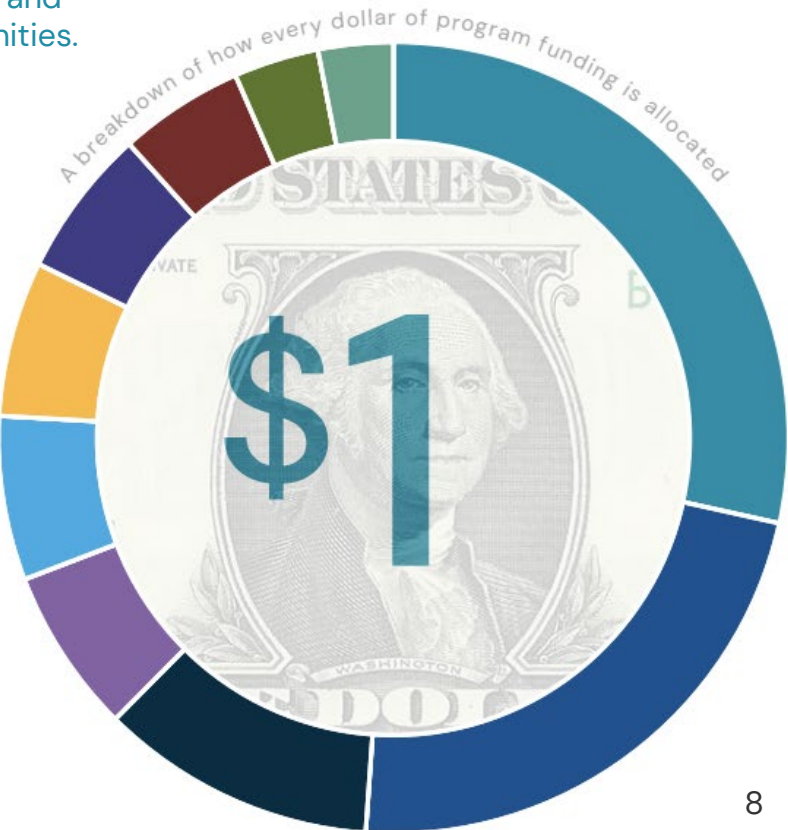
Producer Fees Supporting EPR

Fees fund reimbursements, system improvements and education and outreach that drive positive environmental outcomes for communities.

How Producer Fees Are Spent in Oregon – 2026

A breakdown of how every dollar of program funding is allocated

Payments to Commingled Recycling Processing Facilities (CRPFs)-----	28.5¢	
Collection Services Expansion -----	22.7¢	
90+ Drop-off RecycleOn Centers for PRO Acceptance List-----	11.3¢	
PRO Management and Administration -----	6.7¢	
Program Reserves-----	6.7¢	
Contamination Reduction Programming -----	6.3¢	
Oregon Audit Center, Responsible End Market Support, etc.-----	6.1¢	
Transportation Reimbursement (USCL)-----	5.1¢	
Required Reimbursement to the State for Administrative Costs-----	3.5¢	
Resident Education and Outreach-----	3.1¢	



Fair and Scalable Fee Structure for Producers

- Small businesses under \$5 million in annual gross revenue and selling less than one metric ton of covered products into Oregon are exempt from paying fees.
- Non-exempt small business can pay a streamlined flat fee. Shown below.

Tiered Flat Fee Structure (for producers with gross revenues of \$5m up to \$9.999m)

Annual Supply Tons (Metric)	Low	High
1 to 2.5 tons*	\$700	\$900
Over 2.5 tons to 5 tons*	\$1,400	\$1,900
Over 5.0 to 7.5 tons	\$2,400	\$3,100
>7.5 tons	\$3,300	\$4,400

Cost Impacts for Community Members

CAA is covering the largest share of start-up costs for new recycling programs, including recycling trucks and carts.

Communities receive reimbursement for transporting recyclables to markets, which was a major barrier and cost for rural recycling.

CAA funding for recycling facilities is intended to smooth market fluctuations that can increase garbage and recycling rates for residents and businesses.

Development and printing of education & outreach materials provided at no cost to communities.

Key Takeaways



The Recycling Modernization Act (RMA) is working to improve recycling and modernize Oregon's recycling system.



All payments and investments on a jurisdiction and service provider level are shared publicly to ensure they are considered during rate setting.



More of the products producers put into Oregon are being recycled.



Oregon pioneered the nation's first packaging EPR program and will drive national progress. Six other states have enacted EPR laws with varying requirements. Producers will also be responsible for meeting these obligations, even when they differ from Oregon's.

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Appendix

CAA Producer Journey and Support

	Register	Report	Pay
Producer Compliance Journey	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration Form 2. Participant Producer Agreement (PPA) 3. State Addenda 	Prepare and submit material supply data	Pay fees/dues to CAA
CAA Resources to Support Producers	101 Producer Onboarding 102 Registration & Agreements 103 Budgeting for EPR fees	201 Producer Portal Training 301 Program Updates 302 Reporting Workshops and Q&A	401 Fee-setting explained (Q2, national methodology and published state rate schedules) 402 Eco-modulation Explained
Audience	Open to all	Registered producers and their identified representatives only	Registered producers and their identified representatives

Media Coverage of the Oregon Program Since July

Oregon Recycling Modernization Act News Radio 1190 KEX
Recycling law changing in Oregon Video kdrv.com
New recycling rules in Oregon go into effect; holiday schedule Rogue Valley Times
EPR program launches in Oregon – Recycling Today
Lane County recycling expands with Oregon's new law in effect Local kezi.com
Eugene residents to see changes in recycling with new state law in effect
Oregon Recycling Modernization Act JAM'N 107.5
Oregon Sets National Trend with Launch of Comprehensive Plastic
States Crack Down on Single-use Plastics Starting July 1
New recycling rules take effect Tuesday, July 1
Statewide recycling modernization act begins in July
Operational readiness is high' as Oregon rolls out EPR
Oregon Sets National Trend with Launch of Comprehensive Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act – NewsBreak
Circular Action Alliance Launches Nation's First EPR Program for Packaging and Paper in Oregon – Waste Advantage Magazine
Rural Lane County to see 'significant differences' in recycling over next few years
Oregon standardizes what can be recycled. Here's what you need to know
Oregon's recycling system gets a needed reboot – McKenzie River Reflections
Circular Action Alliance Launches Nation's First EPR Program for Packaging and Paper in Oregon
Circular Action Alliance Launches Oregon Packaging EPR Program – Packaging Impressions
Oregon Leads the Nation in Implementing the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act The Source Weekly – Bend, Oregon
Oregon launches statewide recycling system – OPB
Oregon leads the nation in implementing the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act The Business Gazette Online

Oregon launches statewide recycling system
What Oregon recycling reform means for residents in Marion and Polk counties
Oregon Launches New Program to Streamline Recycling Statewide
New Recycling law rolls out in Oregon; TD Council to hear about changes on July 14
Oregon's recycling gets a needed reboot - The Chronicle
New recycling program, new Goodwill trailer to highlight Saturday open house at Ashland Recycling Center
Oregon's new recycling rules are in effect, expanding what Lane County residents can recycle
Start of the Extended Producer Responsibility Program in Oregon
Council to vote Monday to authorize recycling program, funds for contamination study
Leave your lids on: Open house at Ashland Recycling Center spotlights new rules, new services
Packaging EPR questions circulate after first US state's law goes live Packaging Dive
Oregon's recycling modernization means many new items can now go in the blue bin
PDX-Earth Episode 104
OR scores 'good' in fight against plastic pollution - McKenzie River Reflections
Oregon launches program to streamline recycling statewide
Oregon's new recycling rules now in effect. Here's what it means for you
County residents now able to recycle new items
Greener days: Deschutes County residents are now able to recycle more items curbside, under a new state law
County Residents Now Able to Recycle New Items
Oregon's new recycling rules now in effect. Here's what it means for you
County residents now able to recycle new items
Navigating New Waters: Getting Ahead of Extended Producer Responsibility Laws
New Items Added To Recycle Bin
Oregon launches program to streamline recycling statewide

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Recycling News August 2025
KGW News at Sunrise at 6 AM
Oregon law change aims to make recycling easier statewide
KGW News at 4
The Good Stuff on KGW
KGW News at Sunrise
Oregon Recycling Modernization Act update
Oregon Launches New Program to Streamline Recycling Statewide
Industrials Regulatory News and Trends – August 2025 DLA Piper – JDSupra
Good News This Week: August 16, 2025 – Shoes, Cheese, & Wheelchairs
New plastics recycling center set to open in Ashland Wednesday
Ashland Opens First-of-its-kind Free Drop-Off for Hard-to-Recycle Materials Local Ashland Opens First-of-its-kind
Free Drop-Off for Hard-to-Recycle Materials
NBC5 News at 5:00
Ashland opens first-in-nation drop-off recycling center, first of 140 in Oregon
NewsWatch 12 at 5:00
Free drop-off center for hard-to-recycle materials opens in Ashland—first in nation
Ashland, OR Opens Drop-off for Hard-to-Recyclables
NBC5 News at Sunrise
NBC News Daily

<u>Ashland Launches Nation's First RecycleOn Drop-Off Center for Hard-to-Recycle Items</u>
<u>Klamath Basin News, Thursday, 10/16/25</u>
<u>Oregon Debuts First-in-Nation, Producer-Funded RecycleOn Center at Recology's Ashland Site</u>
<u>NBC5 News at 7:00</u>
<u>Ashland Launches Nation's First RecycleOn Drop-Off Center for Hard-to-Recycle Items</u>
<u>Ashland Recycling Center expands capacity with new RecycleOn Center launched Wednesday</u>
<u>Oregon News Now at 6:00</u>
<u>CAA, Recology open first drop-off hard-to-recycle site</u>
<u>Oregon rolls out drop-off recycling sites as part of EPR program</u>
<u>Oregon's producer-funded recycling program offers cities a road map for cleaner waste streams</u>
<u>Ashland Recycling Center expands capacity with new RecycleOn Center</u>
<u>RecycleOn Oregon opens first drop-off hard-to-recycle site</u>
<u>Recycling - Oregon Celebrates First Hard-to-Recycle Drop-Off Center Opening, Launching a Groundbreaking Step Toward Sustainable Recycling Access and Producer Responsibility Across the State 22-10-2025</u>
<u>Oregon opens first RecycleOn centers in support of EPR program</u>
<u>Oregon Rolls Out System to Collect Hard-to-Recycle Materials</u>
<u>Ashland recycling centre broadens services with new RecycleOn facility</u>
<u>Deschutes County Welcomes Five New RecycleOn Centers, Expanding Recycling Access</u>
<u>Knott Landfill, transfer stations expand recycling options for items blue bins can't take</u>