

ADVANCING ALBERTA'S CIRCULAR ECONOMY

We are so proud of the 155 municipalities and Indigenous communities registered with ARMA who navigated 2020 determined to collect end-of-life material safely, and effectively from your residents at the 436 collection sites – deemed an essential service - throughout the province.

You are key players in advancing Alberta's circular economy. The collection sites help ensure that end-of-life electronics, scrap tires, leftover paint and used oil materials stay in the material management flow (and not touch the landfill) to benefit the environment, the economy, and the future of our province.

We want to take a moment to share the path on which ARMA is travelling to improve, enhance and expand existing programs while also exploring new ones. Following are some strategic priorities we are currently focusing on: electronics expansion (well in motion);

discussions with government regarding the addition of automotive containers to the used oil program; supporting government in reviewing the Extended Producer Responsibility framework as a component of Alberta's waste management strategy.

This all leads towards fulfilling ARMA's vision of *Inspiring a Future without Waste* and opening up opportunities that incorporate more 'Rs' including rethinking, reducing, reusing, recovering and residuals management.

Thank you for your partnership in the programs.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

EXPANDED E-PILOT PROJECT UPDATE

Since the pilot launch in September 2020, field staff have delivered ePilot signage and promotional materials to all participants. Site reviews will continue throughout the project to assist you in meeting the requirements e.g. separation of program vs. ePilot material.

There are separate financial accounts for ePilot and program material so please ensure you submit separate funding claims. For any questions, email ePilot@albertarecycling.ca.

We will be inviting collection site representatives to engagement sessions (our first was in December 2020) to obtain feedback on your ePilot experience and identify any areas for improvement.

Visit armaepilot.com regularly. It's your source for everything ePilot-related including:

a) **Product list** — the most updated version for online viewing or downloading. For example, since the launch two new sub-categories were added under **SMALL APPLIANCES: Home Security and Monitoring; Residential Medical Devices**

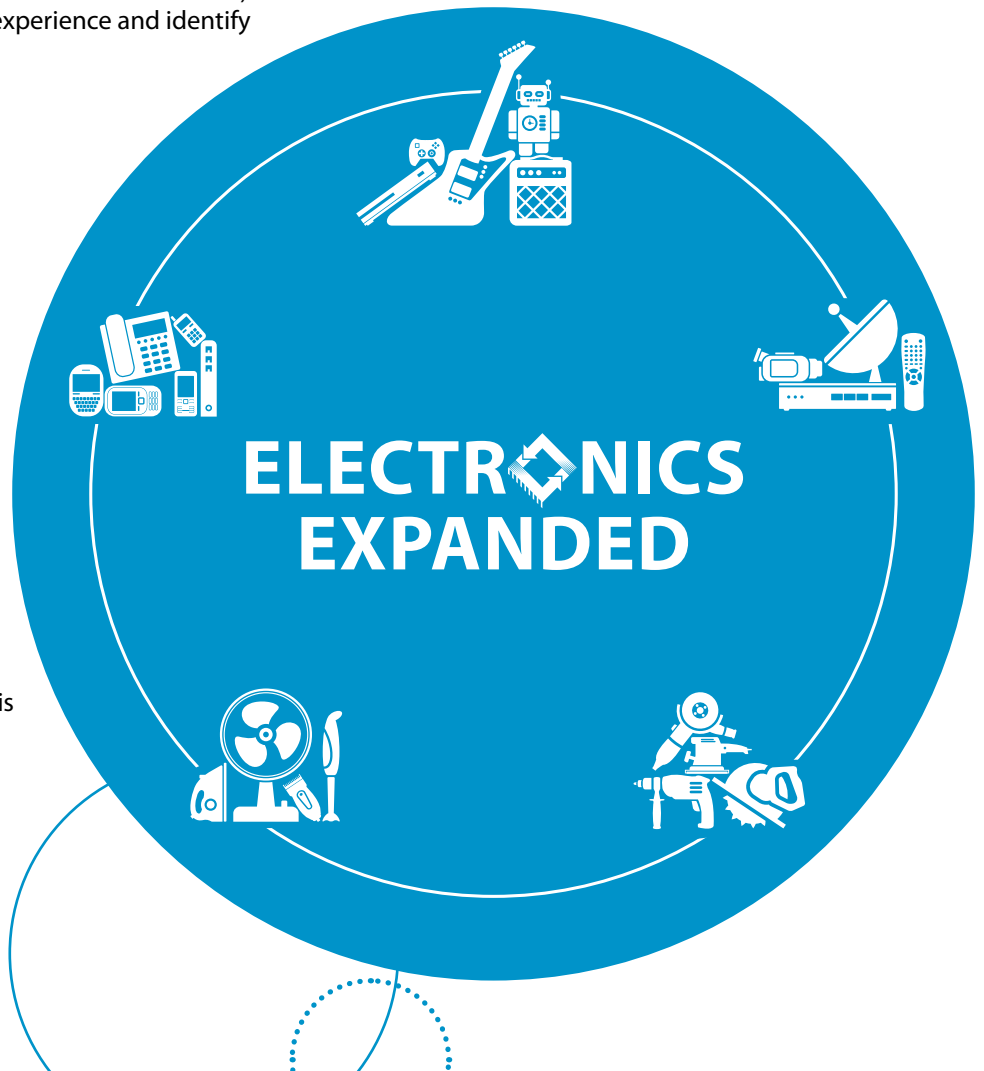
b) **Resource Toolkit** — download promotional assets including print and online ads and social images to support your platforms.

ARMA will be launching an ePilot promotional campaign this spring. Stay connected as we may reach out for your help to support the campaign.

c) **ePilot claims forms** for downloading.

BECOME AN E-PILOT CHAMPION

All municipalities registered in the ePilot are automatically entered in an ePilot Competition to see who collects the most material between **September 1, 2020 – December 31, 2021**. It's not an individual 'sport'; all participating sites within a municipality compete as a team. Points are awarded on a per capita basis. The CHAMPION will be announced at the **February, 2022 Alberta CARE Conference**. Visit armaepilot.com where an event page is set up with the details including Rules of Engagement and promotional material to ignite your competitive edge!



PAINT RECYCLING

COLLECTION SITE FUNDING CHANGES

ARMA's path to growth includes sustainability of our current programs. We are pleased to share effective April 1, 2021 paint collection site funding is increasing. Download the revised Paint Funding Request Forms at: albertarecycling.ca/municipalities

Incentives paid to registered paint processors have also increased. Therefore, they will not be charging to pick up eligible paint material from collection sites or businesses.

If you have questions about these changes, email collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca

CONTAMINATION IS COSTLY

If you collect HHW, store it separately from paint. Processors may charge a contamination fee if they find e.g. corrosive or adhesive products mixed in with paint. This fee is outside of ARMA's authority and is a business decision by the processor. If you are unsure about a product, email your questions to collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca.

BEST PRACTICES AT WORK

Maximize storage of paint cans – including empty containers – to efficiently capture eligible material.



HHW UPDATE

This is confirm that in 2021-2022

ARMA will continue to administer funding (provided on a contract basis with Alberta Environment and Parks) to HHW brokers for the collection and transportation of materials from HHW roundups and year-round sites to the Swan Hills Treatment Centre. We continue to support government in establishing a longterm program for HHW.

TIRE RECYCLING

PAUSE ON THE TIRE GRANT PROGRAM

The tire industry has seen a significant reduction in tire sales with COVID health restrictions requiring a work-from-home strategy, as well as limiting travelling. This impacts ARMA's ability to activate the **Municipal Demonstration and Tire Marshalling Grants in 2021**. The necessary decision was made therefore to pause the program due to budgetary constraints.

TIPS FOR TIRE COLLECTION SITES

Your collection areas should be free of non-tire material including hoses, tracks, loose metal, and be easily accessible to the public and processors.

Sites are encouraged to schedule tire pick-up in the summer and winter, avoiding spring and fall as processors are busy servicing retailers.

BIKE TIRE CAGES

If you are interested in getting a bike tire cage for your site, please contact us at collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca

TIRE-DERIVED AGGREGATE (TDA)

TDA is a cost-effective alternative to conventional aggregate for use in leachate drainage blankets and also performs well in specific road construction applications. For more information on TDA, email info@albertarecycling.ca.



