



FAQs FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ALBERTA ENVIRONMENTAL FEES FOR LUBRICATING OIL & MATERIALS

New Eco Fee Rates starting October 1, 2023

- For lubricating oil, **\$0.06 per litre or per kilogram**;
- For lubricating oil containers, **\$0.12 per litre of container size for containers made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or metal materials** and **\$0.20 per litre of container size for containers made of non-HDPE or non-metal materials**; *and*
- For filters, **\$0.55 for a filter less than 203 mm in length** and **\$1.25 for a filter 203 mm or more in length**.

These environmental fees have not been updated since 2011.

Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Societies Act. As a Delegated Administrative Organization, ARMA is accountable to the Government of Alberta Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

The adjustment to fees will allow the program to provide increased support to the recycling activities of registered processors, municipal collection sites, and Indigenous communities throughout the province.

The Designated Material Recycling and Management Regulation (the Regulation) authorizes ARMA to levy and collect Surcharges (environmental fees) on the sale or supply of designated material in or into Alberta. These funds are to be used to provide or pay for any or all of the following components regarding designated material:

- Waste minimization and recycling programs;
- Public information programs for the promotion of waste minimization and recycling programs;
- Expenditures on collection, transportation, storage, processing, and disposal;
- Research and development activities;
- Promote the uses of recycled materials and products.

ARMA assumed responsibility for the Used Oil Program in October 2018 after the dissolution of the Alberta Used Oil Management Association (AUOMA). At that time, the program was facing significant sustainability challenges. Since then, ARMA has been working diligently with collection sites, recyclers, and Alberta Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) on solutions to the ongoing challenges of the Used Oil Program.

With input from key stakeholders (including registered processors), this environmental fee adjustment was identified as an urgent need to support the sustainability of the collection, transportation, and processing network for the industry.

The new fees align Alberta with other jurisdictions across Canada.

The recommended adjustments are supported by Alberta's Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.