



COMMON
COLLECTION
SYSTEM
STANDARDS FOR
HAZARDOUS AND
SPECIAL
PRODUCTS



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This document is intended to assist Producers in understanding their minimum obligations when establishing a common collection system for hazardous special products designated (“**HSP Designated Materials**”) under the *Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation*, AR 194/2022 (the “**EPR Regulation**”).

For clarity:

- i. These standards are minimum standards. Producers may provide additional services if desired or necessary to achieve the Producer’s material management requirements under Section 26 of the EPR Regulation.
- ii. These service standards only apply to common collection systems for HSP Designated Materials. They do not apply to an alternative collection system for HSP Designated Materials, if applicable.

Producers are encouraged to contact ARMA at epr@albertarecycling.ca if they have any questions regarding their obligations for a common collection system for HSP Designated Materials.

Requirements for Common Collection System

Row #	Population of Registered Community	Common Collection System HSP Recycling Service	Service Standards
1	Equal to or greater than 125,000 people	At least one permanent collection depot for every 125,000 people	Unless otherwise provided by ARMA, Producers must meet the following minimum service standards for HSP Designated Materials in communities which are registered with ARMA.
2	Equal to or greater than 10,000 people but less than 125,000 people	At least one permanent collection depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must allow for collection of all HSP Designated Materials at the required collection depots and/or events • May collect specific HSP Designated Materials where producers elect to provide collection depots and/or events if desired or necessary to achieve the Producer’s material management requirements under Section 26 of the EPR Regulation
3	Equal or greater than 1,000 people but less than 10,000 people	<p>Support existing HSP collection depots if being operated by a community</p> <p>Where no depot exists, at least one collection event per calendar year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required collection depots and events must be accessible to consumers in the registered community or in an adjacent community. • Collection sites or events may apply daily drop-off limits to accommodate site space restrictions but these limits must be communicated as part of promotion and education materials • The days and hours of operation should at a minimum be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the same number of hours provided for HSP collection depots or events in the community prior to 2024; or ○ the same number of hours for HSP collection depots or events as garbage collection depots or events within the community or, if not applicable, within a comparable community
4	Less than 1,000 people	<p>Support existing HSP collection depots if being operated by a community</p> <p>Where no depot exists, at least one collection event per calendar year once the Community has provided a notice of interest for a collection event to the Authority</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receptacles – Producers must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide and maintain adequate receptacles prior to commencing depot or event collection; and <p>Collect and replace, and/or empty receptacles at an adequate frequency to avoid setting daily drop-off limits and ensure consumer convenience.</p>