



COMMON
COLLECTION
SYSTEM
STANDARDS FOR
SINGLE-USE,
PACKAGING AND
PAPER PRODUCTS



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This document is intended to assist Producers in understanding their minimum obligations when establishing a common collection system for single-use products, packaging and paper products designated materials (“**PPP Designated Materials**”) under the *Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation*, AR 194/2022 (the “**EPR Regulation**”).

Part 1 - Producers must provide the services outlined in Part 1 to all communities which are registered with Alberta Recycling Management Authority (“**ARMA**”). A Producer’s obligations to provide curbside recycling or depot recycling in a common collection system will depend upon the type of dwellings, the recycling services previously provided to said dwellings, and the date on which the community registers with ARMA.

Part 2 - Producers must meet the minimum service standards outlined in Part 2 for any curbside recycling or depot recycling services for PPP Designated Materials which a Producer provides in communities which are registered with ARMA.

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 19 of the EPR Regulation.
- ii. These service standards only apply to common collection systems for PPP Designated Materials. They do not apply to:
 - a. an alternative collection system for PPP Designated Materials, if applicable; or
 - b. hazardous and special products set as designated materials under the EPR Regulation.

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

Part 1 – Requirements for Common Collection System

Row #	Previous PPP Recycling Service	Common Collection System PPP Recycling Service	Recycling Service Commencement	
Single-Family Dwellings (“SFD”)				
1	SFD that received curbside recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Curbside recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By April 1, 2025
			SFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By October 1, 2026
2	SFD that received depot waste collection and depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Depot recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By April 1, 2025
			SFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, and (ii) twelve (12) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
3	SFD constructed after November 30, 2022 in a community that received curbside recycling from a	Curbside recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) April 1, 2025, and (ii) the date that the community authority begins providing waste services to the SFD

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	community authority as of November 30, 2022		SFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, (ii) the date that the community authority begins providing waste services to the SFD, and (iii) eighteen (18) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
4	SFD that (i) did not receive curbside or depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022, and (ii) receives curbside waste collection from a community authority as of October 1, 2026	Curbside recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By October 1, 2026
			SFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, and (ii) eighteen (18) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
5	SFD that (i) did not receive curbside or depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022, and (ii) does not receive curbside waste collection from a community authority as of October 1, 2026	Depot recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By October 1, 2026
			SFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, and (ii) twelve (12) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA

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6	SFD that received curbside waste collection and depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Curbside recycling	SFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By October 1, 2026
7	SFD begins receiving curbside waste collection from a community authority after October 1, 2026	Curbside recycling	N/A	Within eighteen (18) months from the date that the community authority begins providing curbside waste services to the SFD
Multi-Family Dwellings (“MFD”)				
8	MFD that received curbside recycling ¹ from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Curbside recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By April 1, 2025
			MFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	Within eighteen (18) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
9	MFD that received depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Depot recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By April 1, 2025
			MFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) April 1, 2025, and (ii) twelve (12) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA

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10	MFD constructed after November 30, 2022 in a community that received curbside recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Curbside recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) April 1, 2025, and (ii) the date that the MFD begins receiving waste services
			MFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) April 1, 2025, (ii) the date that the community authority begins providing waste services to the SFD, and (iii) eighteen (18) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
11	MFD that (i) did not receive curbside or depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022, and (ii) receives curbside waste collection as of October 1, 2026	Curbside recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	October 1, 2026
			MFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, and (ii) eighteen (18) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
12	MFD that (i) did not receive curbside or depot recycling from a community authority	Depot recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	October 1, 2026

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	as of November 30, 2022, and (ii) does not receive curbside waste collection as of October 1, 2026		MFD in a community which registers with ARMA after December 31, 2023	By the later of (i) October 1, 2026, and (ii) twelve (12) months from the date the community applies to register with ARMA
13	MFD that received curbside waste collection and depot recycling from a community authority as of November 30, 2022	Curbside recycling	MFD in a community registered with ARMA as of December 31, 2023	By October 1, 2026
14	MFD begins receiving curbside waste collection after October 1, 2026	Curbside recycling	N/A	Within eighteen (18) months from the date that the MFD begins receiving curbside waste services

Part 2A - Curbside Recycling Service Standards

Unless otherwise provided by ARMA, Producers must meet the following minimum service standards for curbside recycling of PPP Designated Materials in communities which are registered with ARMA.

1. Frequency

- Single-family Dwellings: Producers must provide curbside collection at least every 2 weeks.
- Multiple-family Dwellings: Producers must provide collection at an appropriate frequency, considering the available receptacles and storage space.

2. Receptables– Producers must:

- Provide receptacles in collection operations where reusable receptacles are used prior to commencing curbside collection;
- Provide adequate receptacles for storage reflecting the collection frequency; and
- Repair or replace receptacles which are damaged due to age or during collection, within one week of the Producer, PRO, or service provider receiving a request to repair or replace the damaged receptacle. Recurring receptacle repair or replacement incidents may result in an investigation and service fees.

3. PPP Designated Material - Producers providing curbside recycling must accept:

- All PPP Designated Materials; or
- All PPP Designated Materials which are not accepted by depot recycling, if a Producer is providing both curbside recycling and depot recycling in the common collection system. For clarity:
 - i. All PPP Designated Materials must be accepted in the common collection system;
 - ii. A Producer must have a uniform province-wide approach to which PPP Designated Materials are accepted through curbside recycling and which PPP Designated Materials are accepted through depot recycling, and
 - iii. ARMA may require a Producer to provide curbside collection for all PPP Designated Materials, regardless of depot recycling, if a Producer does not meet its material management requirements established under the EPR Regulation.

Part 2B - Depot Recycling Service Standards

Unless otherwise provided by ARMA, Producers must meet the following minimum service standards for depot recycling of PPP Designated Materials in communities which are registered with ARMA.

1. **Hours of Operation** – Producers must ensure depots operate for at least:
 - The same amount of hours as staffed depots operating in the community prior to November 30, 2022; or
 - The same amount of hours for staffed waste drop off locations within the community or, if not applicable, within a comparable community.
2. **Depot Locations** – Producers must provide at least as many depot locations as waste collection drop off locations.
3. **Receptacles** – Producers must:
 - Provide and maintain adequate receptacles prior to commencing depot recycling; and
 - Collect and replace, and/or empty receptacles at an adequate frequency.
4. **PPP Designated Material** – Producers providing only depot recycling must accept all PPP Designated Materials.