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# Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

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# EPR Definition

Environmental / economic policy approach in which **producers** of products and packaging bear **responsibility** for ensuring those products and packages are properly managed at the end of their lifecycle.

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# Benefits of EPR

- Transfers cost and liability from municipalities and taxpayers to producers
- Provides incentive to producer to improve design
- Encourages Circular Economy
  - Producers have direct role in system
- Provides provincial program consistency
  - Economy of scale provides market resilience



# EPR Basics

- Producers can be represented by Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs)
- Focused on residential, not ICI (notably PPP)

	Materials Under EPR	PRO
Alberta	Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products (PPP), Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)	Circular Materials Product Care Call2Recycle
Saskatchewan	PPP, Electronics, Tires, Ag Plastics, Batteries, HHW, Paint, Used Oil and Antifreeze	SK Recycles, Cleanfarms, Product Care, Call2Recycle, EPRA, Tire Stewardship of SK, SARRC
Manitoba	PPP, Ag Plastics, Batteries, Electronics, Tires, Medications, Beverage Containers, Thermostats	MMSM, Cleanfarms, Product Care, Call2Recycle, CBA, EPRA, Tire Stewardship of MB, Medications Return Program, Recycle Everywhere, Thermostat Recovery Program