

Ministry of Environment Update

Solid Waste Management Strategy

and

Packaging and Paper Regulations

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Waste reduction targets of

30% by 2030 and 50% by 2040



Strategy Goals

1. Enhance education, awareness and technical understanding of waste management
2. Encourage regional collaboration to enhance the cost effectiveness of waste management infrastructure
3. Provide a robust and flexible regulatory system for waste disposal and management
4. Enhance waste diversion across Saskatchewan
5. Foster innovative and sustainable solutions
6. Demonstrate government leadership

Enhance education, awareness and technical understanding

- Communications strategy and public education campaign



Encourage regional collaboration

- Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program
 - Approval for \$50 million in investment
 - 39 projects recommended
- First Nations Waste Management Initiative
 - Three regional projects in northern Saskatchewan
 - Ministries of Environment, Government Relations and Indigenous Services Canada

Provide a robust and flexible regulatory system

- Modernizing regulations to ensure ongoing effectiveness, efficiency and relevancy
- New approach developing Saskatchewan Environmental Code chapters
 - Transfer Station code chapter
 - Composting Facilities code chapter

Enhance Waste Diversion

- Review of the Multi-Material Recycling Program and *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations* (2013)
- Inclusion of medical sharps in the Household Hazardous Waste Program

Demonstrate government leadership



- March 14, 2022, a comprehensive waste diversion pilot program was launched at Environment's main building in Regina (3211 Albert St.)

Household Packaging and Paper



Household Packaging and Paper

- *The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations (2013)*
 - Shared responsibility model (stewards pay up to 75%)
 - Small business exemptions
 - Paper and packaging made from metal, paper, glass, plastic
- Multi-Material Recycling Program launched (2016)
 - Multi-Material Stewardship Western ensures stewards meet regulatory obligations; and
 - Provides payments to municipalities to fund recycling programs for paper and packaging.

Review & Engagement

- Review of regulations and program
 - Solid Waste Management Strategy
 - Stakeholder engagement (2021)
 - Regulatory red tape reduction
- Draft regulations
 - harmonize with other jurisdictions
 - transition to full producer responsibility

Changes under consideration

- Program model
 - Transition from a shared model to full producer responsibility model
- Clarify definition of a steward
 - Brand owners resident in Canada
 - Distributors delivering into SK
- Include additional materials
 - Packaging-like products
 - Single-use products

Changes under consideration

- Business exemptions
 - Change revenue to \$1 M
 - Keep one tonne exemption
 - Remove single point of retail
- Recycling Rates and Targets
 - Rates of collection, recycling, diversion, residual
 - Targets for material-specific recycling rates

Changes under consideration

- Collection Service and Accessibility
 - single family, multi-family, schools and outdoor public spaces
 - criteria for determining service levels and type
- Review
 - Program review every 5 years
- Transition
 - Phased-in implementation schedule
 - Consultation with municipalities and industry

Next Steps

- Spring 2022 Engagement (May – June)
 - Draft regulations and summary of key changes
 - SWRC municipal education session (May 17)
 - Government webinars
 - June 8 – municipalities, collectors, processors
 - June 14 – producers/businesses
 - June 16 – general
 - Stay in the loop
 - waste.management@gov.sk.ca

Next Steps

- Review feedback and revise regulations
- Draft regulations to Cabinet for consideration by end of 2022
- Producer responsibility organization develops program plan in 2023
- New program begins phased-in implementation in 2024

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