

Ministry Update September 2016

Ministry of Environment
Environmental Assessment and
Stewardship Branch

Waste Stewardship and Recycling

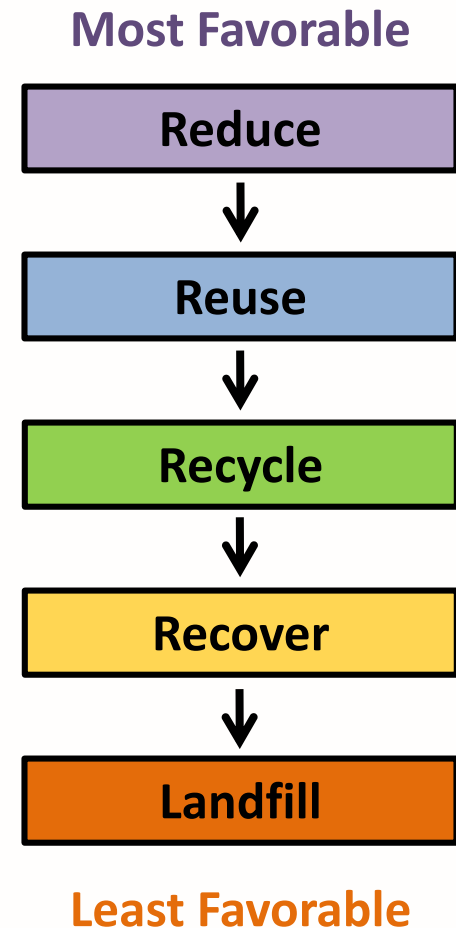
- Who we are and what we do
- Why waste stewardship? What is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)?
- Our current work
 - Solid Waste Management Strategy
 - Multi-Material Recycling Program
 - Agricultural Plastics Recycling
 - Household Hazardous Waste
 - Electronics Recycling Expansion

Who are we?

- Environmental Assessment and Stewardship Branch
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What do we do?

- Responsible for the development of recycling policies and direction.
- Monitor effectiveness of programs
- Work closely with industry, local government and environmental organizations to make recycling accessible to the public
- Encourage participation in the programs.



Extended Producer Responsibility

- An Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program identifies end-of-life management of products as the responsibility of producers.
- The cost of recycling is internalized as a factor of production. This shifts the waste management costs onto producers and consumers.
- Regulated vs. Voluntary

Provincial Programs

- EPR Programs At Work
 - ▶ Used Automotive Fluids
 - ▶ Scrap Tires
 - ▶ Waste Paint
 - ▶ Waste Electronics
 - ▶ Paper and Packaging
- Other successful models
 - ▶ Beverage Containers



Our current work

- Solid Waste Management Strategy
- Multi-Material Recycling Program
- Agricultural Plastics Recycling Program
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Electronic Recycling Expansion Consultation



Solid Waste Management Strategy

- Purpose
 - ▶ A cohesive vision for solid waste management in Saskatchewan
- Context
 - ▶ Consistent with the ministry's mandate
 - ▶ Key action in Ministry's Plan for 2016-17
 - ▶ Supports Plan for Growth: 2020 and Beyond

Solid Waste Management Strategy

- Desired Outcomes
 - ▶ Decreased waste and pollution
 - ▶ Changed behavior regarding waste
 - ▶ Addressed non-compliance issues
 - ▶ Supported regional collaboration and partnerships
 - ▶ Acknowledged full cost accounting for waste disposal
 - ▶ Enhanced data collection
 - ▶ Ensured access for remote and northern communities
 - ▶ Reduced waste in government operations
 - ▶ Supported Stakeholders

Solid Waste Management Strategy

- Potential Focus Areas
 - ▶ Developing more waste diversion programs
 - ▶ Updating landfill and transfer station regulations
 - ▶ Increasing landfill compliance
 - ▶ Encouraging regional systems
 - ▶ Increasing public awareness and education
 - ▶ Encouraging innovative waste management technology
- Next Steps and Consultation
 - Consultation to begin in early 2017

MMRP – Our Newest Operating Program

- Program Launch January 1, 2016
- Operating under approved Product Management Program from Multi-Material Stewardship Western
- 487 municipalities participating
- Next steps:
 - ▶ Encourage municipal participation
 - ▶ Transition period ends
 - ▶ Compliance and enforcement



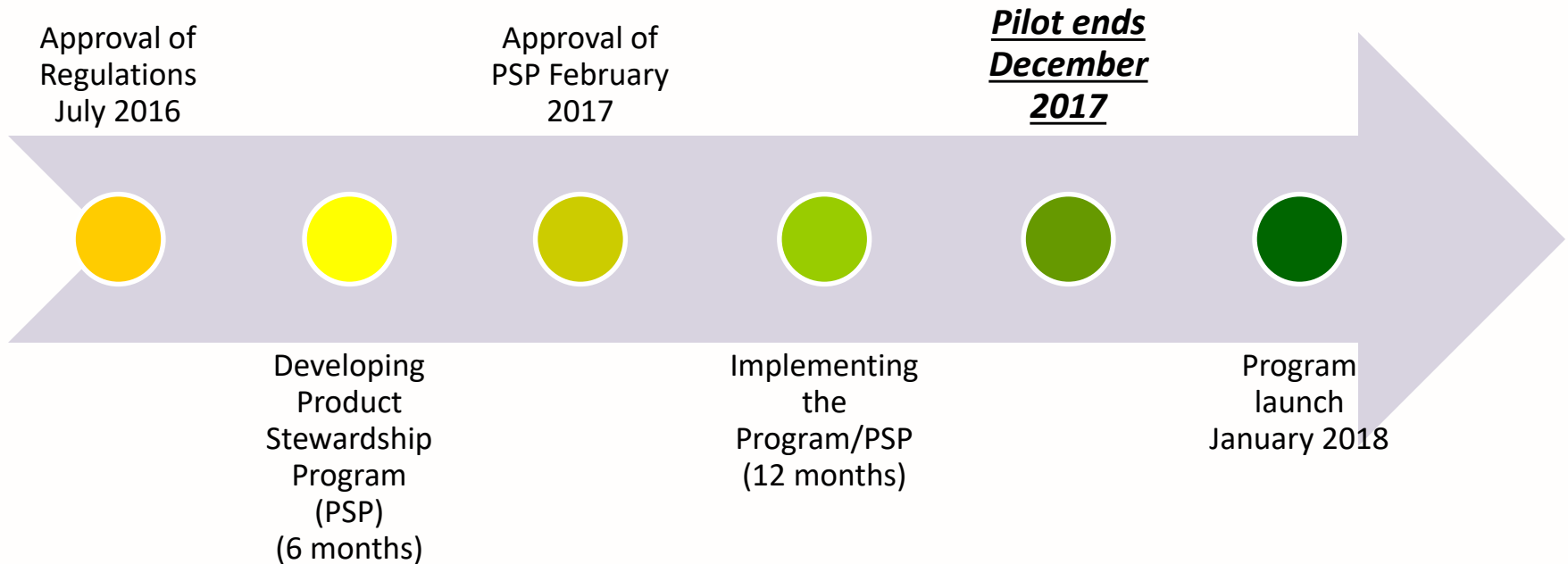
Agricultural Plastics – Our Newest Regulation

- Proclaimed on July 28, 2016
- The focus is on grain bags with the possibility of expansion
- Next steps:
 - ▶ Industry develops a recycling plan
 - ▶ Launch a permanent program in early 2018
 - ▶ Lines up with the end of the grain bag recycling pilot



Timelines for Grain Bag Program

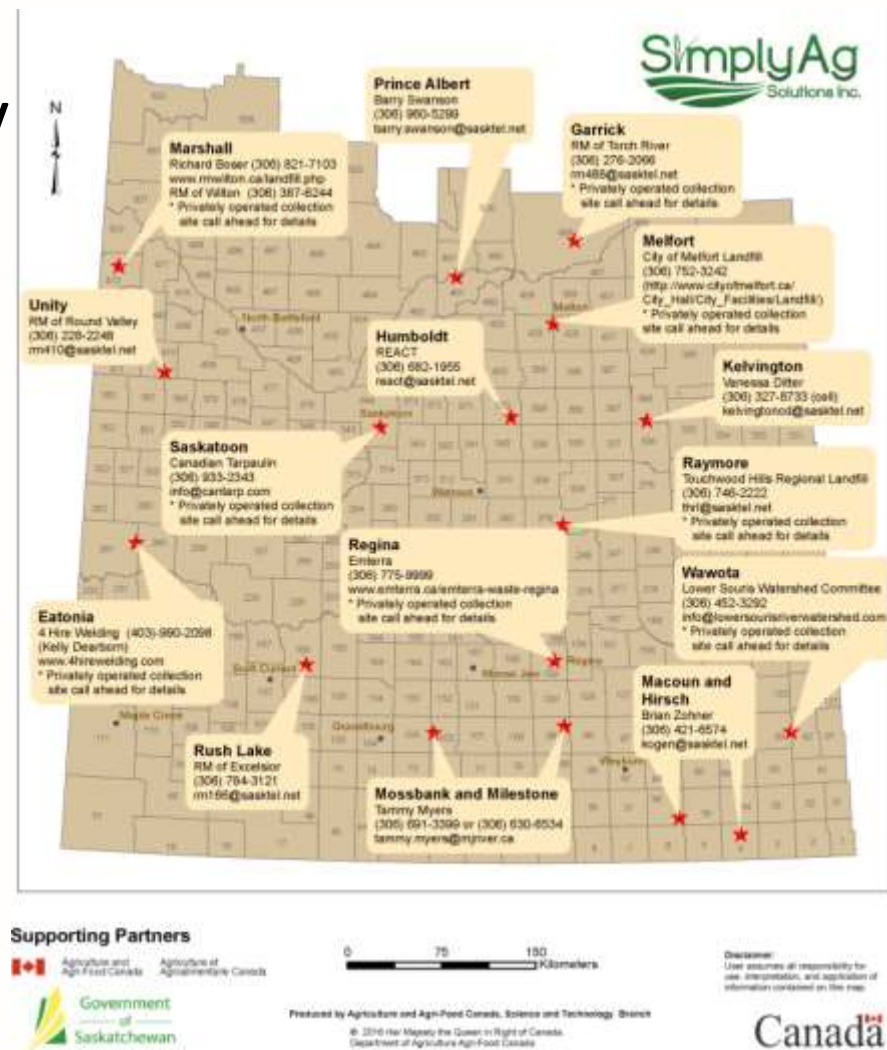
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Ministry of Agriculture's Pilot

- Simply Ag pilot - temporary solution since 2011
 - Increased to 16 sites
- Farmers willing to use if convenient
- Establishment of end markets
- Building environmental awareness
- 4400 bags in 2015



Waste Electronics – Expansion

- Program began in 2006 (Phase 1)
- Expanded in 2010 (Phase 2)
- Ministry is now consulting on Phase 3
 - ▶ Online survey available until Sept 30, 2016
- Potential products include:
 - ▶ IT equipment, scanners, fax machines, e-readers, microwaves, appliances, power tools and more

Household Hazardous Waste

- Background
 - ▶ Pilot 2007-2010
 - ▶ Consultations held 20
- Draft Regulations
- Path Forward
 - ▶ Product inclusion and further consultations



Questions/Comments

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