

Sustainability Policy Update

CO Producer Responsibility Program For Recycling HB22-1355

- Signed into law on **JUNE 3, 2022**.
- The law will establish a statewide recycling system funded by producers of packaging and printed paper to improve CO's recycling rate. The bill mandates packaging producers to form a producer responsibility organization (PRO) on or before June 1, 2023 or submit an individual coordination plan by **FEBRUARY 1, 2025**. The PRO, funded by producers, is responsible to contract or provide recycling services.
- In addition to fees paid, producers will be required to submit annual reports and provide relevant documentation for determining compliance.

[🔗 Producer Responsibility Program For Recycling | Colorado General Assembly](#)

California State Bill 343

- Law goes into effect on **JULY 1, 2025**.
- CalRecycle committee will define what is recyclable through a list of acceptable materials to be published **JANUARY 1, 2024**.
- Anything not on the list will not be allowed to be labeled recyclable in the state of California and cannot use the chasing arrows symbol.
- There are many unknowns on what materials and packaging will be impacted.

[🔗 Bill Text | SB-343 Environmental advertising: recycling symbol: recyclability: products and packaging](#)

New Jersey Packaging Bill S2515

- Signed into law in **JANUARY 2022**.
- Law goes into effect in **2024**.
- Broadest PCR content bill impacting rigid plastic packaging across multiple categories (not just beverage) and glass.
- 10-50% PCR content required depending on material, category, timeline (text of law can be found here).
- Fines for not meeting requirements.

[🔗 NJDEP - Division of Sustainable Waste Management - Recycled Content \(state.nj.us\)](#)

CA Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act (SB 54)

- This law will require producers of single use packaging to join a product responsibility organization (PRO) by **JANUARY 1, 2024**. Producers will pay fees to the PRO, which will help to fund the implementation and facilitation of collecting, processing and recovering single use packaging. The law will also impose requirements concerning the percentage of recyclable materials in single use packaging.

[🔗 Bill Text - SB-54 Solid waste: reporting, packaging, and plastic food service ware. \(ca.gov\)](#)





Maine's Extended Producer Responsibility Program for Packaging

- LD 1541 bill was signed into law on **JULY 12, 2021**, making Maine the first state to enact an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for packaging waste.
- This law establishes a stewardship program for packaging that requires producers to pay into a fund based on the amount and the recyclability of packaging associated with their products. The law shifts the cost of managing packaging waste from municipalities and citizens to producers of the product. Payments by producers will be based on the net amount of packaging sold into the state and will take into account toxicity and whether the packaging is readily recyclable. These funds will be used to reimburse municipalities for eligible recycling and waste management costs and make investments in recycling infrastructure.
- It is estimated that a stewardship organization will be selected in **2026**, and the first producer payments will be made in **2026**.

[Extended Producer Responsibility for Packaging, Waste Management, Maine Department of Environmental Protection](#)

Washington 2021 Plastics Laws

- Governor signed date: **MAY 17, 2021**
- Starting from **JUNE 25, 2021**, the state no longer required plastic bottles or other rigid plastic containers to include the "chasing arrows" symbol around the plastic resin code.
- Starting **JANUARY 1, 2023**, plastic beverage bottles will be required to initially average at least 15% post-consumer resin (PCR), gradually increasing to 50% PCR. In **2025**, these requirements will be extended to plastic bottles used for household cleaners and personal care products.

[2021 plastics law - Washington State Department of Ecology](#)

Oregon's Plastics Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act

- This ERP bill was signed into law on **AUGUST 6, 2021**, and went into effect on **JAN. 1, 2022**.
- The law requires producers of packaging to share responsibility for effective management of their product after use. Producers will be required to join a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) and pay fees to the PRO. The fee amount will be based on what material they use and how much they sell in Oregon. Producer fees will be higher for non-recyclable products and those creating more environmental pollution.
- It is required that producers belong and start paying to a PRO by **JULY 1ST, 2025**.

[Department of Environmental Quality : Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act : Recycling : State of Oregon](#)

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