



Upcoming meetings and reminders:

- June 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Recycling Council Meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- June 13, 2023, 10 a.m. - 3p.m. | Commingled Recycling Processing Facility Technical Workgroup Meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- June 15, 2023, 2 – 4 p.m. | Customer-Facing Contamination Reduction Forum ([Register to attend in-person](#) | [Register in advance for Zoom meeting](#))
- June 27, 2023, 11 a.m. | Public Hearing for Draft Rules ([Register in advance](#))
- June 29, 2023, 5 p.m. | Public Hearing for Draft Rules ([Register in advance](#))
- June 30, 2023 | Life Cycle Impact Evaluation Request for Information Response Deadline
- July 13, 2023, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting #1 (second rulemaking process) ([Register in advance](#))

DEQ seeks public comment on draft RMA rules

The public comment period opened May 25 for the first set of rules proposed by DEQ to clarify and implement the Recycling Modernization Act. The draft rules address topics related to Producer Responsibility Organization obligations, local government compensation, and recycling acceptance lists.

Find the draft rules on page 32 of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, available on the [Recycling Updates 2023 Rulemaking webpage](#). A plain language guide is also available.

Anyone can submit comments and questions about this rulemaking in the following ways:

- **Email:** Send comments by email to recycling.2023@deq.oregon.gov
- **Post mail:** Oregon DEQ, Attn: Roxann Nayar/Materials Management, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232-4100
- **At either public hearing**
 - 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 27 ([register in advance](#))
 - 5 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2023 ([register in advance](#))

Comments must be received by 4 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on Friday, July 28, 2023.

DEQ intends to present the proposed rule changes to the Environmental Quality Commission for a decision at its meeting scheduled for Nov. 16-17, 2023.

Recycling Council

The next meeting of Oregon’s Recycling Council will be June 12, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The council will receive information about the Impact Reduction and Reuse project, among other topics. Public input is welcome during Recycling Council meetings! Please visit the [Recycling Council website](#) to register for meetings and view the agenda.

Customer-facing contamination reduction

DEQ is collaborating with the Association of Oregon Recyclers to host a June 15 forum on reducing contamination in commingled recycling. The morning session focuses on technological solutions and will be held at McMenamins Edgefield in Troutdale. DEQ is hosting the afternoon session at 2 p.m., which focuses on the RMA’s new requirements and funding for customer-facing contamination reduction programming. The afternoon forum is free and there are both in-person and virtual participation options. Register to attend in-person at the [AOR website](#) or register for the [Zoom meeting](#) here.

Second rulemaking process

A new Rulemaking Advisory Committee will convene for its first meeting on July 13, 2023, launching the second rulemaking process for the RMA. The second rulemaking will run through the fall of 2024 and will address a variety of topics, including:

- Living wages and supportive benefits for workers at commingled recycling processing facilities
- Permitting and certification standards for commingled recycling processing facilities
- Contamination Management Fee and Processor Commodity Risk Fee paid to recycling processors by producer responsibility organizations
- Impact Reduction and Reuse Fee
- Standards for life cycle impact evaluation and disclosure

- Covered product exemptions

For more information and to register for Rulemaking Advisory Committee meetings, visit the [Recycling 2024 Rulemaking website](#).

Performance standards for recycling facilities

The next meeting of the Commingled Recycling Processing Facility technical workgroup is at 10 a.m. June 13, 2023. The primary focus of the meeting will be facility performance standards. To view the agenda and meeting materials, please visit the [workgroup website](#).

Life cycle impact evaluation

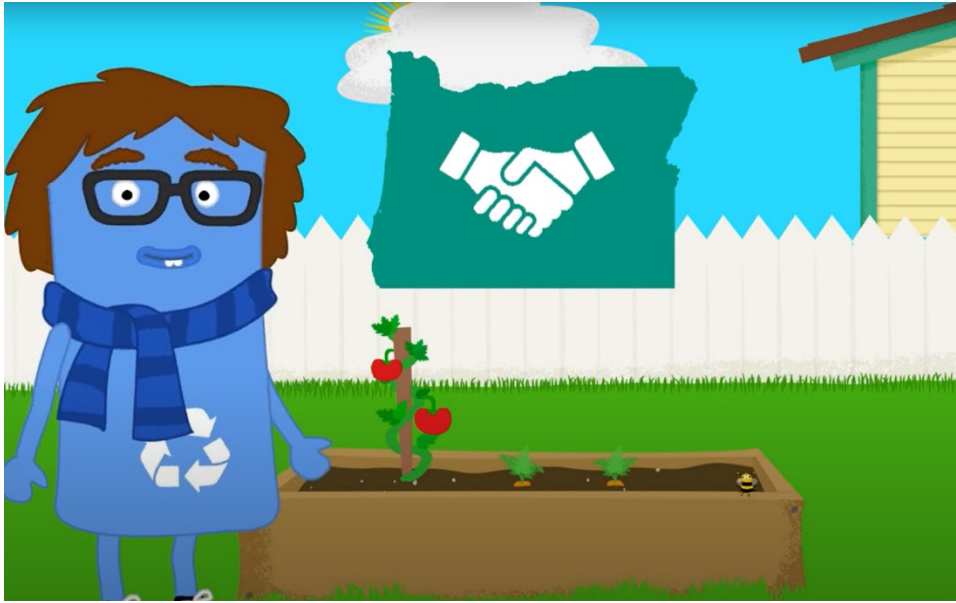
DEQ is requesting information to help inform the methodology, procedures, and requirements by which producers of covered products will evaluate the life cycle impacts of their products. Learn more and find the Request for Information on the [Life Cycle Impact Evaluation Project web page](#). Submit information, identified by RFI name, to RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us by June 30, 2023.

Covered product exemption request process is open

DEQ is accepting requests through June 30 from producers and other interested parties for the exemption of additional products from the definition of a covered product in ORS 459A.863(6). Producers would not be required to pay fees for exempted products, though they would still pay fees for any of their other covered products. Instructions for submitting requests are [here](#). DEQ will evaluate requests this summer, in consultation with the Recycling Council.

Learn more

Want to learn more about the Recycling Modernization Act? A good place to start is with Binny, the star of a video series describing the future of recycling in Oregon. Check out the videos on the main RMA [web page](#).



Reach Out

Questions? Email the RMA team at RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us.