



## Upcoming meetings and reminders:

- July 13, 2023, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Rulemaking Advisory Committee Meeting 1, second rulemaking process ([Register in advance](#))
- July 28, 2023, 4:00 p.m. | Deadline: End of Public Comment Period for first rulemaking
- August 22, 2023, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Recycling Council Meeting

## DEQ seeks public comment on draft RMA rules

The public comment period opened May 25 for the first set of administrative 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](mailto:recycling.2023@deq.oregon.gov)
- Post mail: Oregon DEQ, Attn: Roxann Nayar/Materials Management, 700 NE Multnomah Street, Suite 600, Portland, Oregon 97232-4100

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 Tuesday, August 22, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The council will receive information about covered product exemption requests. Public input is welcome during Recycling Council meetings! Please visit the [Recycling Council website](#) to register for meetings and view the agenda.

## Needs Assessment Report Published

The report containing the results of the first local government recycling collection needs assessment is now available [online](#). The Recycling Modernization Act makes funding available to local governments to expand recycling collection services. The needs assessment report summarizes recycling collection expansion needs identified by local governments through a survey conducted from January through April 2023.

## Second rulemaking process

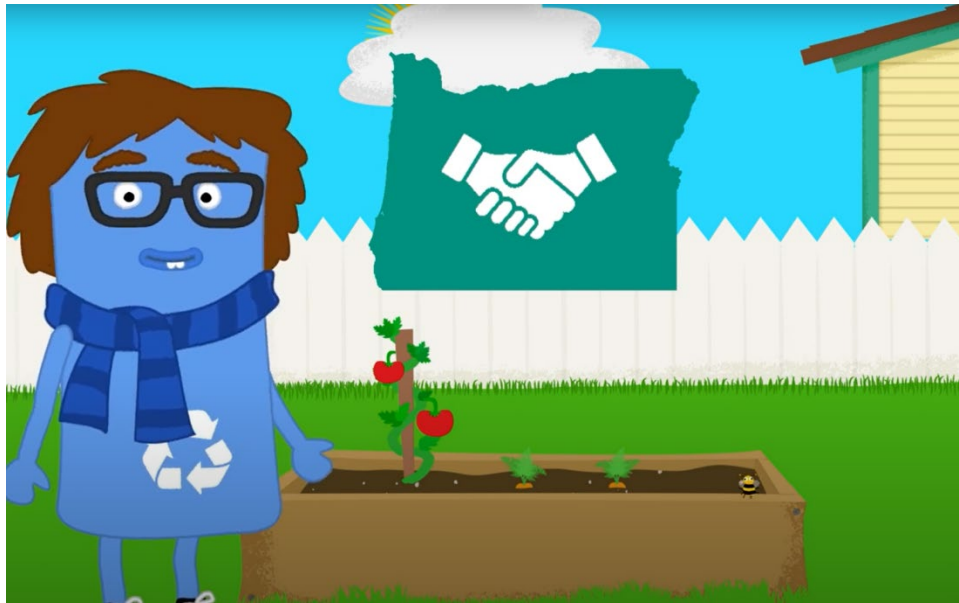
A new Rulemaking Advisory Committee will convene for its first meeting on July 13, 2023, launching the second rulemaking process for the RMA. The second rulemaking will run through the fall of 2024 and will address a variety of topics, including:

- 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](#).

## 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](mailto:RethinkRecycling@deq.state.or.us).