



Recycling Modernization Act

Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council

The Recycling Council will advise DEQ and the Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) on key system elements, including the uniform statewide collection list, PRO program plans, and more. The Council consists of 17 members appointed by the Governor, plus two non-voting members of the Legislature appointed by the Senate President and Speaker of the House. The Council elects its chair and vice-chair from the members, and DEQ provides staffing support for Council meetings. The public is encouraged to attend Recycling Council meetings, which are held online using the Zoom platform.

The Governor-appointed positions include:

- Producers of covered products or producer trade associations or suppliers – *4 seats*
- Local governments of different population sizes and geographies – *4 seats*
- Recycling industry, including local government service providers, processors or material end users – *4 seats*
- Community-based organizations to represent the interests of historically underserved groups – *2 seats*
- Environmental nonprofits – *2 seats*
- Small business (not eligible as producer or recycling industry) – *1 seat*

The Council is looking to fill six seats in fall 2023: Two producers, two local governments, one recycling industry and one community-based organization. Once appointed, members would begin a three-year term in October 2023.

Time commitment

The time commitment for a Recycling Council member is approximately one three-hour meeting, plus pre-work related to background documents or other materials provided in advance, every two months. Terms are three years in length, though initial appointments were intentionally staggered for the first several years to allow for gradual changes during the start-up phase of the Council. Members may re-apply for two consecutive terms, and all positions are subject to the Governor's appointment process.

Compensation

Compensation of up to \$141 per day plus travel reimbursements is available for eligible participants. Please see this [FAQ document](#) from the Executive Appointments office for more information about eligibility.

To apply

Applications are now open on the Oregon's executive appointments website, and all applicants must complete the process using the State of Oregon's Workday system.

Please apply by June 30: <https://oregon.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/Boards/details/Oregon-Recycling-System-Advisory-Council---Board-Member-REQ-98038?q=recycling>

Recycling Modernization Act background information

The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act became effective Jan. 1, 2022. Recycling program changes will begin in July 2025, with significant involvement of the Council and others related to program planning, research, rulemaking and engagement.

Background information and FAQs

- DEQ project website: RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov
- Oregon Recycling Council website: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/recycling/Pages/ORSAC.aspx>
- DEQ's GovDelivery email list: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=ORDEQ_633

General questions

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