



Recycling Council Summary of Duties

The Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council will advise Oregon’s Department of Environmental Quality and the Producer Responsibility Organizations on key recycling system elements. 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. Members of the Council represent local governments, community-based organizations representing the interests of historically underserved groups, small businesses, environmental nonprofit organizations, the recycling industry, service providers, processors or material end-users and producers of covered products or producer trade associations or suppliers.

Duties

This page is a summary of the duties of the Oregon Recycling System Advisory Council. Section 18 of the [Recycling Modernization Act](#) provides complete details. Review activities and advise DEQ and producer responsibility organizations related to RMA sections 1 to 43.

- Review producer responsibility program plans, plan amendments and program reports.
- Make recommendations to the department and producer responsibility organizations to establish and maintain the uniform statewide collection list.
- Make recommendations to the department and producer responsibility organizations about:
 - Any other material that should not be included as a covered product.
 - Producer membership fee structures.
 - Recycling depot or mobile collection events for recyclable items.
 - Other aspects of a producer responsibility program intended to improve access to recycling, including access for residents of multifamily housing.
- How to distribute producer responsibility organization fees to local governments or local governments' service providers:
 - Review of statewide transportation, reload reimbursement and other formulaic elements.
 - Priorities for system funding where discretion is provided in statute or rules adopted by the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission.
 - Statewide educational resources and campaigns.
- How to distribute producer responsibility organization fees to processors for infrastructure improvements.

Timeline and important dates

- The council's duties begin during the initial development and implementation phase and continue throughout implementation in perpetuity.
- The council shall meet at least once every three months at times and places specified by the chairperson.

- No later than Sept. 15 of each even-numbered year, the council shall submit to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment, in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, a report that describes the council's recommendations.
- The members first appointed to the Recyclign Council by the Governor:
 - Five shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2023.
 - Six shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2024.
 - Six shall serve for terms ending June 30, 2025.

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