

Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act



Opportunities for local governments: Needs Assessment Survey

There are changes coming to Oregon's recycling system, with new benefits and opportunities for local governments and their service providers.

The Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act is creating a new structure to Oregon's recycling system. The act leverages the resources of producers to create new opportunities for local governments starting July 1, 2025. The **Needs Assessment Survey** will gauge interest from all local governments statewide in expanding recycling collection services during the first program plan period from July 2025 through 2027.

Local governments **MUST** complete the survey and register for the types of service expansion they would like to implement to be eligible for funding support and are strongly encouraged to work with their service provider(s) to prepare for and complete the survey.

After the Survey

After the survey, each local government that responded will be contacted by the Producer Responsibility Organizations established to administer statewide management of covered materials. The PROs will work with the local government and its service provider(s) to determine service expansion and implementation.

Receiving the Survey

A link to the survey (hosted on SurveyMonkey) will be sent by email to all counties, all incorporated cities and service providers in early January 2023. Communications will come from DEQ's contractor, Eunomia Research & Consulting. A hardcopy version of the survey can be requested by emailing RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov or by calling your DEQ Regional Specialist below.



Recycling services eligible for funding include (but are not limited to):

- new or expanded curbside collection of covered recyclable materials (roll carts, educational materials, collection trucks, etc.)
- new or expanded depots for covered products (containers, equipment, new staff, etc.)
- new or expanded recycling reload facilities if needed (compactors, containers, other equipment)

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Join us

There will be two virtual information sessions on the needs assessment survey:

- Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023, 11 a.m.

Register: [RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov](https://www.deq.oregon.gov/Recycling/RecyclingAct/Pages/RecyclingAct.Oregon.gov)