



State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality

# Recycling Modernization Act

## Definitions and Eligible Expenses

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### Definitions

Term or Acronym	Definition and Notes
<b>Commingled recycling</b>	Recycling or recovery of two or more materials that are mixed together and that generally would be separated into individual materials at a commingled recycling processing facility in order to be marketed. <b>ORS 459A.863(2)</b>  Note: Commingled collection can happen either curbside or at depots.
<b>Commingled recycling processing facility</b>	A facility that (A) receives source separated commingled recyclable materials that are collected commingled from the collection program providing the opportunity to recycle and (B) separates the recyclable materials described in subparagraph (A) into marketable commodities or streams of materials that are intended for use or further processing by others. <b>ORS 459A.863(3)</b>
<b>Contaminant</b>	(a) A material set out for recycling collection that is not properly prepared and on the list of materials accepted for recycling collection by a recycling collection program; or  (b) A material shipped to a recycling end market that is not accepted or desired by that end market.
<b>Contamination</b>	The presence of one or more contaminants in a recycling collection or commodity stream in an amount or concentration that negatively impacts the value of the material or negatively impacts a processor's ability to sort that material <b>ORS 459A.863(5)</b>
<b>Covered product</b>	Packaging, printing, and writing paper, and food serviceware. <b>ORS 459A.863(6)(a)</b> The definition excludes materials listed in ORS 459A.863(6)(b).

	Note: Materials do not need to be included in a recycling program acceptance list to be a “covered product.”
<b>Food serveware</b>	Includes paper or plastic plates, wraps, cups, bowls, pizza boxes, cutlery, straws, lids, bags, aluminum foil or clamshells or similar containers that are: (a.) generally intended for single use, and (b) sold to a retailer, a dine-in food establishment, or a take-out food establishment and, regardless of whether the item is used to prepackage food for resale, is filled on site for food ordered by a customer or is resold as is. <b>ORS 459A.863(7)</b>
<b>Generator</b>	A person who last uses a material and makes it available for disposal or recycling.
<b>Opportunity to Recycle (OTR)</b>	A requirement to provide recycling collection and education services and other recycling and waste prevention programs to solid waste generators. The full definition is found at ORS 459A.005 and further described at ORS 459A.007 and ORS 459A.008.
<b>Packaging</b>	(A) Materials used for the containment or protection of products, including but not limited to paper, plastic, glass or metal or a mixture thereof; (B) Single-use bags, including but not limited to shopping bags; and (C) Nondurable materials used in storage, shipping or moving, including but not limited to packing materials, moving boxes, file boxes and folders. 1. “Packaging” does not include: (a) Food serveware; or (b) Sharps, as defined in ORS 459.386. <b>(ORS 459A.863(18))</b>
<b>Printing and Writing Paper</b>	Includes, but is not limited to newspaper, magazines, flyers, brochures, booklets, catalogs, telephone directories and paper used for copying, writing, or other general use. <b>(ORS 459A.863(20))</b>
<b>Processor</b>	A person that owns or operates a commingled recycling processing facility. <b>ORS 0459.863(21)</b>

<b>Recycling Modernization Act (RMA)</b>	<p>Full name of the act is the Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act, which was signed into law August 2021 and took effect January 2022.</p> <p>Note: Often referred to as RMA.</p>
<b>Recycling depot</b>	<p>A location where recyclable materials are accepted from the public or commercial businesses and transported to a location for processing or to an end market.</p> <p><b>ORS 459A.863(26)</b></p> <p>Note: Depots are also known as drop-off sites.</p>
<b>Recycling reload facility</b>	<p>A facility other than a recycling depot where recyclable materials are received, consolidated, and made ready for transport to another location for processing or to a responsible end market.</p> <p><b>ORS 459A.863(27)</b></p> <p>Note: Reload facilities are most commonly used in areas where the processing facility or end market for recyclables are far enough away that it is more economical to consolidate materials from individual routes or depots and use larger trucks to transport material to another location.</p>
<b>Route (collection)</b>	<p>A designated service area that may consist of households, businesses, multifamily properties, institutional and industrial generators, or a combination of the entities, where material is collected based on a collection schedule that agreed upon by the jurisdiction and its service provider(s) and which meets state law.</p>
<b>Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC)</b>	<p>Committee assigned to rule development, consisting of DEQ staff and other interested parties.</p> <p>Note: Often called the RAC (pronounced as “rack”).</p>
<b>Segregated material</b>	<p>A single material type, such as corrugated cardboard, glass, or newsprint that is recycled separately from other recyclable materials. This collection can happen curbside or at depots. For example, motor oil and glass should always be collected as a segregated material; they should never be commingled with other recyclables.</p>
<b>Wasteshed</b>	<p>An area of the state having a common solid waste disposal system or designated by the Environmental</p>

	<p>Quality Commission as an appropriate area of the state within which to develop a common recycling system.</p> <p><b>ORS 459.005(30)</b></p> <p><b>Note:</b> With some exceptions, individual Oregon counties are designated as wastesheds.</p>
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## Eligible Expenses

The following is a list of potential eligible expenses and not meant to be all inclusive:

On-Route Collection (Residential, Commercial, Multifamily)	<p><b>New and Expansion</b></p> <p>Trucks</p> <p>Containers</p> <p>Onboard contamination monitoring</p> <p>Promotional literature</p> <p>Safety Equipment</p>
Recycling Depot	<p><b>New and Expansion</b></p> <p>Containers</p> <p>Signage</p> <p>Monitoring equipment</p> <p>Equipment to move and load recyclables</p> <p>Compaction or baling equipment</p> <p>Safety Equipment (e.g., vests, boots)</p> <p>Ongoing Operational cost, including staff</p> <p>Storage</p> <p>Land</p> <p>Site preparation</p>
Recycling Reload Facility (if necessary and none other is available)	<p>Building Construction</p> <p>Monitoring equipment</p> <p>Equipment to move and load recyclables</p> <p>Compaction or baling equipment</p> <p>Safety Equipment (e.g., vests, boots)</p> <p>Ongoing Operational cost, including staff</p> <p>Storage</p> <p>Land</p> <p>Site preparation</p>