



Outlook

New British Columbia Extended Producer Responsibility Requirements

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Hello,

In October 2025, the Recycling Regulation was amended by expanding the range of products regulated under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

EPR requires producers (manufacturers, distributors, and retailers) of regulated products take responsibility for the end-of-life management of their products, including providing convenient, provincewide recycling services.

To meet regulatory requirements, producers may hire EPR agencies to manage regulated products, packaging or paper under an approved EPR plan. Producers are responsible for:

- Establishing or joining a non-profit EPR agency, commonly referred to as a producer responsibility organization (PRO).
- Ensuring the agency develops and operates an EPR program aligned with producers' needs and regulatory compliance.

What's changing?

Newly regulated moderate-risk products include:

- Automotive products and containers for vehicle maintenance.
- Battery-containing products: Clothing, vapes, promotional products, generators.
- Canisters: Aerosols, single-use fuels, bear spray, sealants, adhesives, CO₂ canisters for beverages, fire extinguishers, and propane tanks up to 100 pounds.
- Electronic and electrical signs and decorations.
- Large 12-volt consumer batteries.
- Medical sharps used at home.

EPR programs for these products will be phased in, allowing time to submit EPR plans and implement collection and recycling systems starting in 2027.

Additional information

The October 2025 amendments can be found [here](#). Please note that updates may take time to appear in the online version of the [Recycling Regulation](#). To learn more about EPR in British Columbia, including Explanatory Notes on the recent amendments, please visit our [website](#).

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