

LA County HHW EPR Ordinance Stakeholder Meeting

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Meeting Objectives



Interactive Workshop. We would like to hear from you.



Draft HHW EPR Ordinance including Draft Covered Product List



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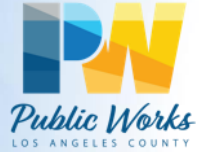
Next Steps

Why is HHW Collection Important?

Improper disposal can contaminate soil, water, and air, and may harm sanitation workers.



Los Angeles County's HHW Program



- **53,435** tons of HHW is generated in Los Angeles County every year
- Los Angeles County through its programs collects about **8%** of that amount
- Hosted 143 Temporary Events (FY 2022-2024)
- 160 collection events at permanent Centers (including City of LA SAFE centers)
- Annual Program Cost \$14 Million (FY 2023-24)

Board Motion and Report

Ultimately, the Board directed County departments to explore an HHW EPR ordinance because it offers a more sustainable, equitable, and effective approach to managing hazardous materials.

- One that protects public health, reduces costs for local governments, and promotes shared responsibility across the entire product lifecycle.

Challenges:

- Rising volume and complexity of household hazardous waste
- High costs for local governments to manage HHW programs
- Need to reduce risks to public health, workers, and the environment
- Promoting innovation
- Advancing equity and access
- Desire to shift responsibility from taxpayers to product producers



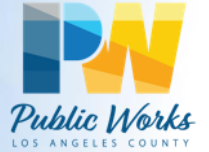
Proposed Ordinance Overview

LA County HHW EPR Program

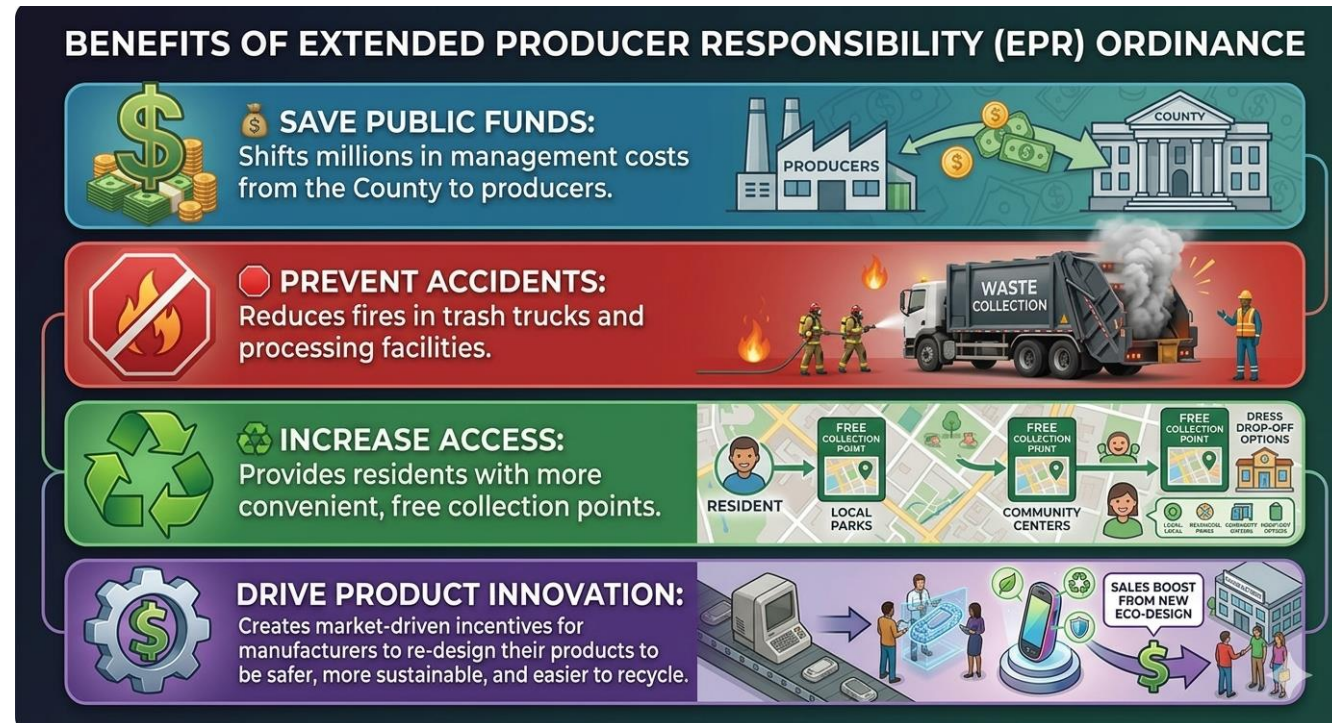
- Producers are financially and operationally responsible for end-of-life management
- Includes collection, transport, recycling, disposal, and voluntary participation by retailers
- Encourages safer product design
- Applies to HHW not covered by State law
- Commercial and Industrial waste streams are not included in this program.



Purpose of LA County HHW EPR Ordinance



- Provide safe, convenient, and sustainable HHW collection and disposal
- Expand equitable access to collection, transport, recycling, and voluntary participation by retailers
- Shift end-of-life management costs from taxpayers to product producers
- Producers of covered products must participate in the program
- Support the County's Zero Waste Plan



Draft Covered Product Categories

- Covered Products refers to specific consumer products offered for retail sale subject to the HHW EPR Ordinance.
- These products are subject to the HHW EPR Ordinance for which Producers are legally responsible for ensuring proper end-of-life management, including collection, transportation, recycling, and safe disposal.
- Covered Products include HHW waste products that:
 - As defined by DTSC include waste generated by residents during typical home maintenance, cleaning, or car care that is hazardous in nature, exhibiting characteristics like toxicity, ignitability, corrosivity, or reactivity. It includes items discarded from a single or multi-unit residence.
- Products that are currently part of an existing California EPR program will be excluded from the covered product list.



Existing CA State EPR Programs



**Ag. Pesticide
Containers**



Paints (all types)



Mattresses



Textiles



**Mercury
Thermostats**



Carpet

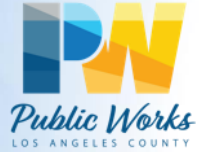


**Pharmaceuticals
& Sharps**



**Loose
Batteries**

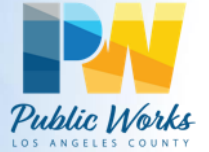
Draft Covered Product Categories Revisions



The Director may remove a product or product category from the list of Covered Products when:

- DTSC determines that the product is no longer considered hazardous or toxic for purposes of household hazardous waste management; or
- The product becomes subject to a separate federal, state, or local Extended Producer Responsibility program.

Draft Covered Product Categories List



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LA County HHW EPR Covered Product List

Covered Product Categories	Description
Aerosols (flammable or toxic)	Non-paint, non-food aerosols (e.g., air fresheners, electronic dusters, solvents, pest control, Hair spray and other hair products).
Lighter fluid including butane lighters	Flammable solids/liquids (Lamp kerosene)
Adhesives & Sealants	Reactive/Solvent-Based adhesives, glues, epoxies, and non-paint caulking products in tubes or canisters.
Automotive products and cleaners	Antifreeze, lubricants, Spent brake fluid, hydraulic fluids, radiator fluids, and engine degreasers, pre-mixed fuel plus oil
Cleaning Products	Toxic or corrosive household cleaners (e.g., drain openers, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, including non-corrosive degreasers, furniture strippers, Grout/masonry cleaners, Metal polishes, cleaners, etching solutions, non-bleach corrosive cleaners, Rug/upholstery cleaner, rust remover, spray foam, Tar and bug remover).
Non-bleach corrosive cleaners	Non-bleach acidic cleansers (strong acidic or caustic (alkaline) agents designed to dissolve tough mineral deposits, rust, or fat/grease without using chlorine bleach)

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Covered Product Categories	Description
Gas Cylinders (GC)	All compressed gas cylinders (e.g., 1 lb. propane canister), Nitrous Oxide, Non-refillable Helium, spray foam insulation tanks, CO2, or other flammable pressurized gas (up to 50 pounds water capacity. Small Propane up to one pound (refillable and non-refillable), Fire extinguishers (handheld single-use and rechargeable up to 50lbs water capacity)
Flammable Liquids & Solids	Flammable solids/liquids (gasoline, kerosene, lighter fluids, Nail polish and nail polish remover).
Light Bulbs and Tubes	Incandescent and fluorescent light bulbs, LED or considered UW
Pesticides, herbicides, rodenticides & Fertilizers	All unused or expired household and garden chemicals.
Fabric dye	Liquid Fabric Dye for Crafting, Clothing, and Décor
E-Cigs and other nicotine vapor delivery Systems.	All single-use and rechargeable delivery devices and their associated cartridges/pods.
Medical Devices, Home-Use	Home-use devices containing circuit boards (e.g., nebulizers, CPAP machines, digital monitors/testers, hearing aids).
Small Electronic Devices (SMEDs)	Electronic toys, fitness trackers, smartwatches, digital pet collars, and electronic personal care products.

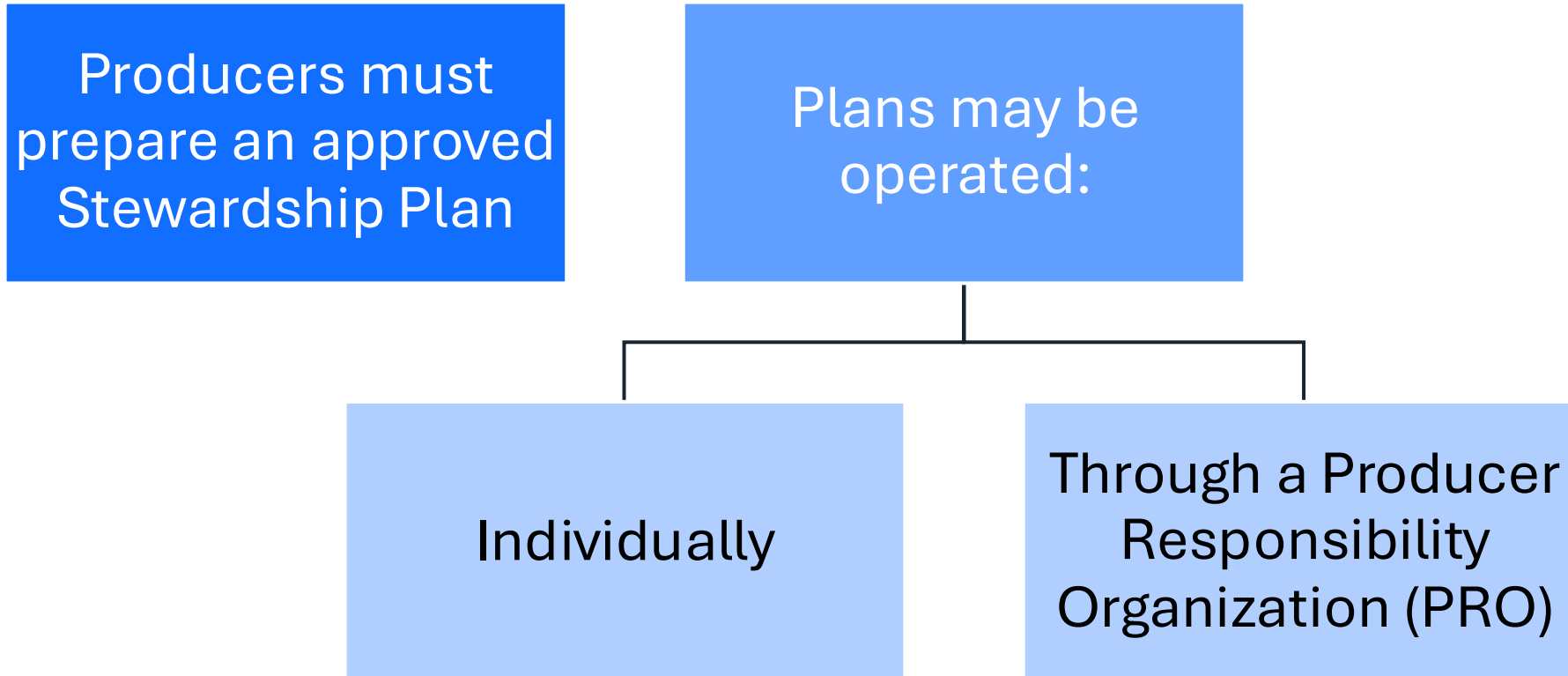
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Producer Responsibilities

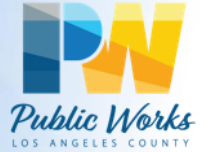
- Join or form a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)
- Prepare and submit a Stewardship Plan for approval
- Fund all program costs:
 - Collection
 - Transportation
 - Recycling and disposal
 - Education and outreach
 - County's Administrative Costs
- Reimburse County for Covered HHW Products collected at County Events/ Permanent Centers
- Submit annual and quarterly reports



Stewardship Plans

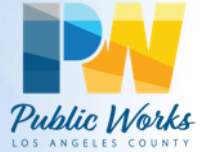


Stewardship Plans – Participation Time Frame



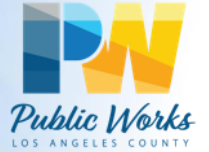
- Within three months of the effective date of this Chapter, each Producer must notify the Director in writing of the Producer's intent to sell Covered Products in the Service Area.
- Each Producer of Covered Products shall fulfill the following obligations individually or through one or more PROs:
 - (1) Within six months of the effective date of this Chapter notify the Director in writing of the producer's plan to participate in a Stewardship Plan,
 - (2) Within twelve months of the effective date of this Chapter submit a Stewardship Plan to the Director for review,
- The Director may, on a case-by-case basis, approve in writing requests for time extensions related to submission dates and deadlines.

Stewardship Plans - Components



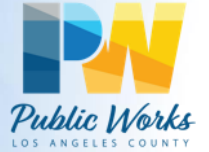
- Collection Facilities, Events, and Services
- Disposal
- Costs
- Enforcement and Penalties

Stewardship Plans – Collection



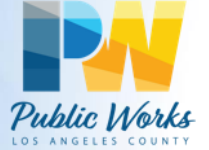
- Collection Facilities, Events, and Services
 - Collection system shall be distributed in a manner that provides equitable, convenient, and safe access to residents throughout the Service Area
- Equitable Geographic Distribution Requirement
 - Establishing and maintaining a system of permanent collection sites, mobile collection services, mail-back programs, and/or collection events that are reasonably and equitably distributed throughout the Service Area
- Environmental Justice and Anti-Concentration Requirement.
 - No disproportionate concentration of HHW handling infrastructure in disadvantaged communities
- Access Equity Standard
- Siting Plan

Stewardship Plans - Disposal



- The Stewardship Plan must identify how each Covered Product collected will be recycled or disposed of at a permitted Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- Covered Products collected under a Stewardship Plan must be disposed of at a permitted Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility.
- A Stewardship Plan may petition the Director for approval to use advanced disposal technologies in compliance with DTSC requirements.
- A Stewardship Plan shall also describe voluntary efforts and initiatives for end-of-life management of Covered Products through product design innovations.

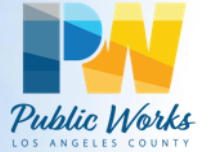
Stewardship Plans - Costs



- Each Producer, or PRO is responsible for the following costs:
 - Program management, Reporting, Compliance,
 - Reimbursing the Department for the actual and reasonable costs incurred in operating HHW programs to the extent such programs collect Covered Products,

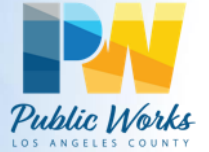
PROs may submit a phased reimbursement schedule based on standard accounting methodology to transition to a full reimbursement to the Director for review and approval.

Stewardship Plans – Costs (cont'd)



- No Point of Sale Fees to Consumers,
- Producers are responsible for the costs of collecting, transporting, and safely managing the recycling or safe disposal of Covered Products, and
- Producers, shall reimburse the Department for its role in overseeing and regulating the EPR program.

Stewardship Plan – Enforcement & Penalties



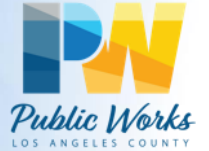
- The Director shall administer the penalty provisions of this Chapter.
- A written warning for each confirmed violation will be issued. The violator shall have 45 days after the date of mailing of the warning to come into compliance and correct all violations.
- If the violator fails to come into compliance or correct all violations, the Director may impose administrative fines for non-compliance.
- County Counsel and the District Attorney may bring a civil action to charge violations.
- Any party in violation of this ordinance shall be liable to the County for a civil penalty.
- In determining the appropriate penalties, the following will be considered: the extent of harm caused by the violation, the nature and persistence of the violation, the frequency of past violations, any action taken to mitigate the violation, and the financial burden to the violator.

Stewardship Plans - County's Role

1. Stewardship Plan Review & Approval
2. Required Corrections and Plan Amendments
3. Enforcement Authority
 - Penalties for Non-Compliance
 - Suspension or Revocation of Plan Approval
4. Regulations, Guidance, and Monitoring
 - Review Reporting, and Auditing
 - Identification of Producers
 - Ensuring there are no Fees at Point-of-Sale for Covered Products



HHW EPR Ordinance Contact Information



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SERVICES ▾

EVENTS

EDUCATION ▾

Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance

Home » Household Hazardous Waste » Extended Producer Responsibility Ordinance

Contact Information

- Email: HHW-EPR@dpw.lacounty.gov
- HHW webpage: LACounty.PW/HHW-EPR

Comment period is currently open and will close on July 17, 2026.

Q&A

