

Meeting Objectives



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Draft HHW EPR Ordinance including Draft Covered Product List



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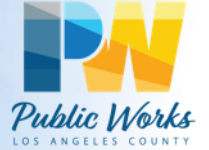
Next Steps

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

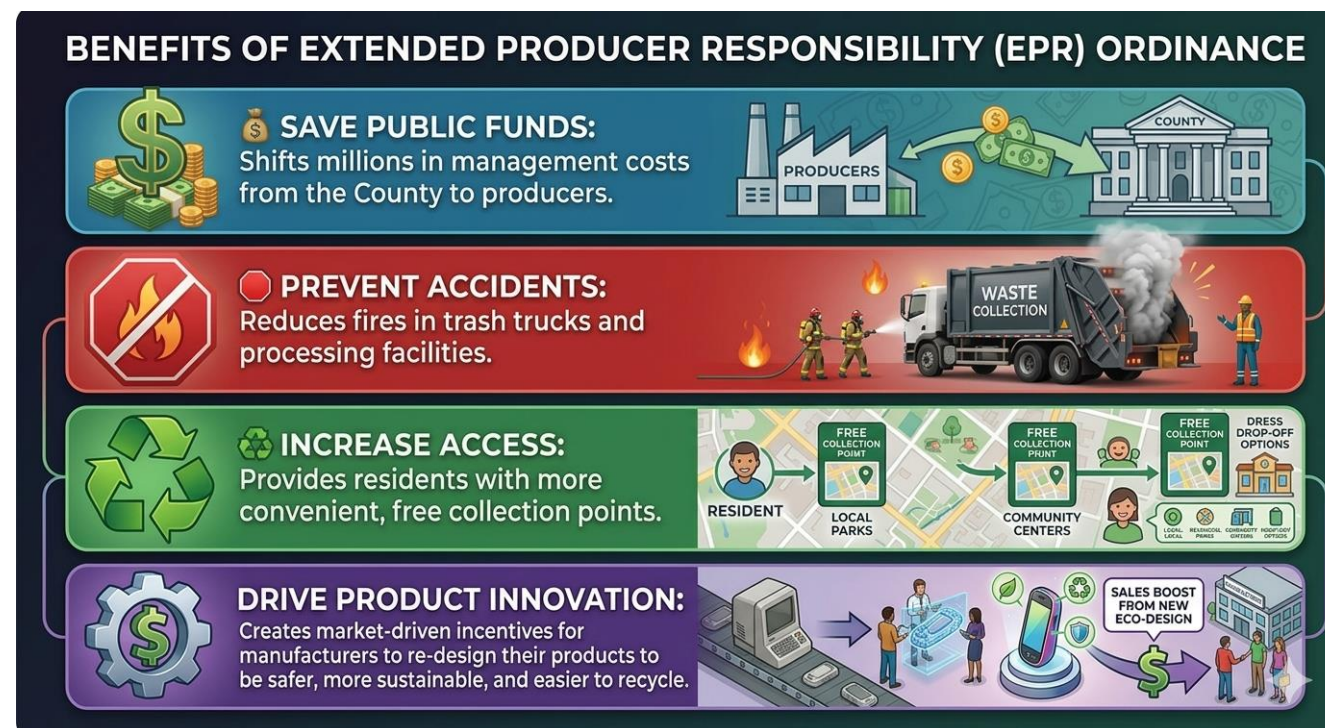
LA County HHW EPR Program

- 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.

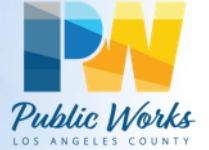


Benefits of LA County HHW EPR Ordinance

- Provide safe, convenient, and cost-effective 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
- Allow cities/jurisdictions to join in by adopting the ordinance



Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



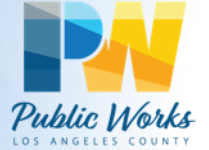
Step 1 – City Adopts the Ordinance by Reference

A City Council adopts the County HHW-EPR Ordinance by reference and executes any necessary participation agreement with Los Angeles County.

The adoption resolution should:

- Formally elect participation in the County HHW-EPR Program.
- Designate a primary contact person.
- Authorize sharing of HHW collection and program data.
- Commit to complying with County program requirements.

Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



Step 2 – City Submits a Notice of Intent to Participate

The City submits a Notice of Intent (NOI) to participate to both Los Angeles County Public Works, and the approved PRO(s).

Notice must be provided by the City to Public Works and the PRO 6 to 12 months before the beginning of a program year.

For example:

Participation Year Notice

Due Date

July 1, 2028 – June 30, 2029

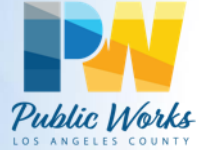
December 31, 2027

July 1, 2029 – June 30, 2030

December 31, 2028

This gives the PRO time to incorporate the City into collection planning and budgeting.

Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



Step 3 – City Provides Required Information

Service Area Information

Population, Number of households, Number of multi-family units, Geographic area, Rural vs. Urban.

Existing HHW Infrastructure

Number of permanent HHW collection facilities, Number of temporary collection events, Retail take-back programs, Existing contracts

Collection Data

3 years of collection data including: Tons collected, Product categories, Participation rate, Event attendance

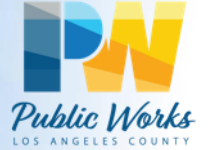
Financial Information

Annual HHW costs, Disposal costs, Contractor costs, Education & Outreach costs.

Equity and Access Information

Dis-advantaged communities, Language needs, Areas with limited service

Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



Step 4- PRO Evaluation

The PRO would evaluate:

- Whether existing collection infrastructure can accommodate the City.
- Whether additional collection sites are needed.
- Financial impacts.
- Compliance with convenience standards.
- Impacts on transportation and processing networks.

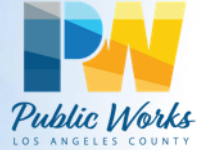
The PRO would then update their Plan to indicate how the City would be added to the program.

Step 5- County Review

The County would review the proposed addition to ensure:

- Service standards are met.
- Reporting systems are updated to accommodate the City.
- Financial obligations are addressed.
- All program updates have been considered and addressed.

Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



Step 6 – Stewardship Plan Amendment

The PRO must submit a Stewardship Plan Amendment by the beginning of the year following the NOI. The amendment must include:

Jurisdiction Information

- Name of participating city
- Effective participation date

Updated Population Data

- Total covered households
- Updated service area maps

Collection Network Changes

- New collection sites
- New transportation routes

Budget Changes

- Estimated costs
- Funding allocations

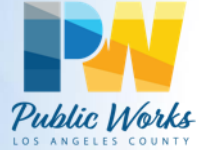
Performance Metrics

- Collection targets
- Convenience standards
- Outreach commitments

Reporting Changes

- Updated quarterly and annual reporting metrics

Proposed Steps for Cities to Join the Program



Step 7 – Program Launch

After County approval of Stewardship Plan:

- PRO updates websites and educational materials.
- Collection opportunities become available.
- Reporting systems are updated.
- Cost reimbursement mechanisms are activated.

Existing CA State EPR Programs



Ag. Pesticide Containers



Paints (all types)



Mattresses



Textiles



Mercury Thermostats



Carpet

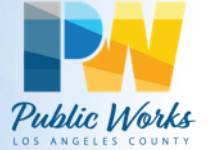


Pharmaceuticals & Sharps



Loose Batteries

Draft Covered Product Categories Revisions

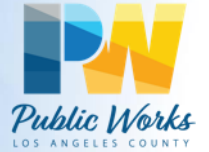


The Director may remove all or portions of a Covered Product from the Covered Product List to the extent such product, component, package, residual, accessory, or material is adequately regulated under another federal, state, or local EPR program. The Director may retain jurisdiction over any component, residual, or hazardous characteristic not otherwise addressed by such program.

Such removals will occur 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.

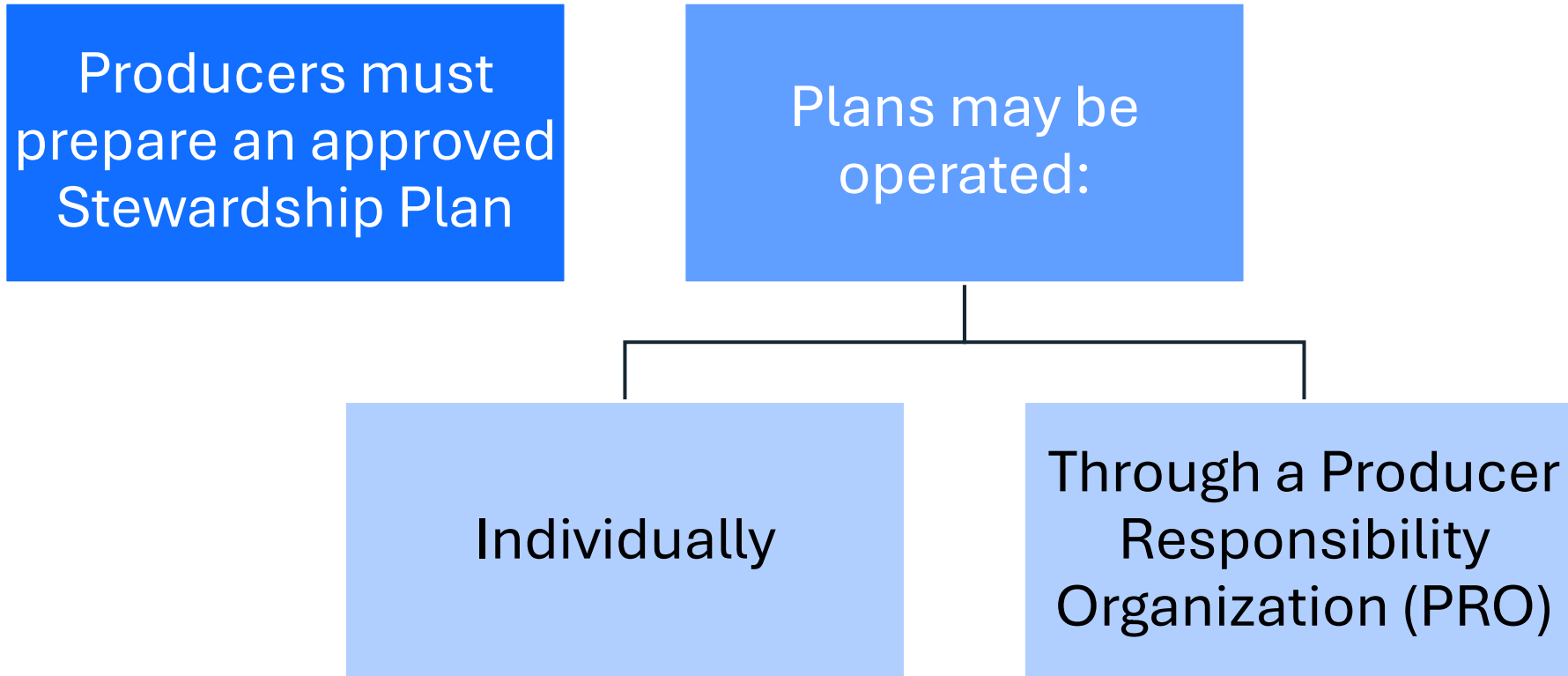
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Producer Responsibilities

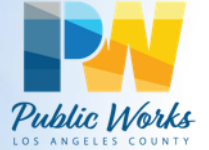
- Join or form a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)
- Prepare and submit a Stewardship Plan for approval
- Fund all program costs:
 - Collection
 - Transportation
 - Recycling and disposal
 - Education and outreach
 - County's Administrative Costs
- Reimburse County for Covered HHW Products collected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



Stewardship Plans

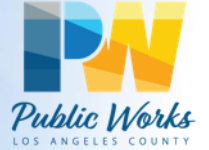


Stewardship Plans – Participation Time Frame



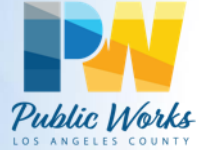
- Within three months of the effective date of this Chapter, each Producer must notify the Director in writing of the Producer's intent to sell Covered Products in the Service Area.
- Each Producer of Covered Products shall fulfill the following obligations individually or through one or more PROs:
 - (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



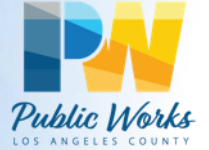
- Collection Facilities, Events, and Services
 - Equitable, and accessible for all residents across every participating jurisdiction
- Disposal
 - Environmentally responsible and final disposal of covered hazardous waste streams is in full compliance with safety regulations
- Costs
 - Fully reimburse eligible municipalities and operations without leaving gaps for local government to absorb

Stewardship Plans – Collection



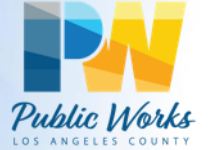
- Collection Facilities, Events, and Services
 - Collection system shall be distributed in a manner that provides equitable, convenient, and safe access to residents throughout the Service Area
- Equitable Geographic Distribution Requirement
 - Establishing and maintaining a system of permanent collection 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

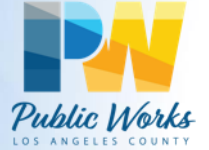


- Each Producer, or PRO is responsible for the following costs:
 - Program management, Reporting, Compliance,
 - Reimbursing the Department and/or any participating city for the actual and reasonable costs incurred in operating HHW programs to the extent such programs collect Covered Products,

Phased reimbursement structures to support implementation are being considered.

- No Point of Sale Fees to Consumers

Stewardship Plan – Enforcement & Penalties



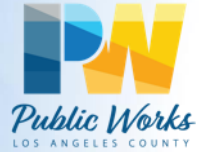
- The Director shall administer the penalty provisions of this Chapter.
- A written warning for each confirmed violation will be issued. The violator shall have 45 days after the date of mailing of the warning to come into compliance and correct all violations.
- If the violator fails to come into compliance 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

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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.

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