



The way recycling services are funded in Saskatchewan is changing *What Businesses Need to Know*

Following on from the letter you received from Minister Cheveldayoff earlier this month, we would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW).

What's this got to do with my business?

If your business is located in Saskatchewan and sells or distributes **packaged goods** or **paper** to Saskatchewan residential consumers, you may be impacted by the province's new [Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations](#) regarding how recycling services are funded.

What's changed?

In February 2013, the Saskatchewan government introduced the [Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations](#) that shares the costs associated with the collection and recycling of waste packaging and paper among the businesses that sell or distribute packaged goods or paper, and with municipalities.

Business will assume the responsibility for financing up to 75 per cent of recycling programs for residential waste packaging and paper. This approach to funding recycling programs is called Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and is similar to the approach being taken in British Columbia, Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec.

The transfer of responsibility for financing up to 75 per cent of recycling programs for waste packaging and paper takes effect on **January 1, 2015**.

How are small businesses affected?

MMSW is committed to minimizing the administrative burden on small businesses participating in the waste packaging and paper program. Our aim is to develop a small business policy that is financially fair to all waste packaging and paper stewards while relieving small businesses of much of the associated administrative burden.

Businesses Affected by the SK Recycling Regulation

- ✓ Food manufacturers
- ✓ Retailers of consumer packaged goods (e.g., cosmetics, electronics, toys, etc.)
- ✓ Retail Businesses (e.g., grocery, general merchandise, convenience, drug store)
- ✓ Banks and Credit Unions
- ✓ Quick Service Restaurants
- ✓ Newspaper and Magazine Publishers
- ✓ Paper Manufacturers
- ✓ And more

Who is MMSW?

Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) is a not-for-profit organization authorized by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to help finance a recycling stewardship program on behalf of businesses to collect waste packaging and paper from Saskatchewan residents for recycling.

How can I comply with the Regulation?

MMSW has submitted a stewardship plan to manage packaging and printed paper on behalf of Saskatchewan businesses that are obligated under the Regulations. A copy of the Stewardship Plan, which is the only one approved by the government, can be found at www.mmsk.ca.

Register with MMSW: You can register with MMSW now by visiting: <https://wecycle.cssalliance.ca/irj/portal>. Next steps, following registration, will be explained to stewards at an information session we are holding and in future communications.

What if I supply packaging and paper into Saskatchewan but my business isn't located in the province?

If your business is located outside of Saskatchewan but supplies packaging goods and/or paper to Saskatchewan residents, you can take responsibility for your packaging and/or printed paper by electing to become a voluntary steward. You can register as a voluntary steward here: <https://wecycle.cssalliance.ca/irj/portal>. We recommend you contact our Steward Services department for assistance in registering as a voluntary steward via email: stewards@mmsk.ca or by calling: 1-888-980-9549.

What happens next?

Learn more about the program and what your business needs to do by attending a [MMSW information session on March 18](#).

At the information session, MMSW will walk you through the next steps, which include signing a membership agreement to appoint MMSW to manage your waste packaging and paper; how and when you need to report on the amount of packaging and paper you supply into the residential waste stream; and how you pay your financial contributions. MMSW will regularly be in communication with stewards as the program progresses and we get closer to launch.

Working together to recycle more

Packaging and paper make up about 40 per cent of household waste in Saskatchewan, which could include anything from shoe boxes and pickle jars to newspapers and sales flyers. As a business selling or distributing these materials, you will be sharing the responsibility with municipalities to collect and recycle household packaging and paper. By working together, we can help build a cleaner, greener and better Saskatchewan.

How do I learn more?

To find out more about Multi-Material Stewardship Western, visit: www.mmsk.ca or contact us at stewards@mmsk.ca or 1-888-980-9549.

Register to Attend MMSW's Information Session for SK Businesses

MMSW is hosting an information session in Saskatoon on **March 18, 2014**, where you can get answers to your questions:

- What does extended producer responsibility (EPR) for waste packaging and paper mean in Saskatchewan?
- How does the Regulation affect my business?
- What if I'm a small business – does the Regulation still apply to me?
- What's a voluntary steward?
- How will MMSW's stewardship plan fulfill the requirements of businesses?
- What packaging and paper is included in the stewardship plan?
- Who is responsible for paying the costs to collect and recycle waste packaging and paper?
- What role will MMSW play in helping businesses comply with environmental regulations?
- What do I need to do to join MMSW?
- Once I've registered, what happens next?

Participate in the information session [in-person](#) or via [webinar](#)

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