



Packaging and Paper Recycling in Saskatchewan:

A New Era Begins

Who We Are

SK Recycles is the new provincial program for household packaging and paper recycling, responsible for managing the collection, processing and recycling of these materials.

SK Recycles will work with producers, local governments, First Nations and Métis communities, private companies, other organizations and residents to create a standard province-wide recycling network. Together, we'll ensure household packaging and paper are collected from homes and depots, sorted, and responsibly managed and recycled, to be made into new products and packaging.

Our program is funded by manufacturers, brand owners and retailers that supply packaging and paper to Saskatchewan residents.

SK Recycles evolved from Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) which launched its shared-responsibility recycling program in Saskatchewan in January 2016.

STEP BY STEP ROLLOUT

PHASE 1

SARCAN depots

December 2024

**Large Urban Curbside/
Multi-Family**

Starting Dec. 2024

PHASE 2

**Remaining Curbside/
Multi-Family**

December 2025

PHASE 3

Remaining Depots

Starting Dec. 2026

ROLLOUT COMPLETE

December 2027

Moving to Full Extended Producer Responsibility

Extended Producer Responsibility, or EPR, is a policy approach where producers—the businesses that supply packaging and paper to residents like manufacturers, brand owners and retailers—are financially and, in some cases, operationally responsible for those materials throughout their entire life cycle, including end-of-life management.



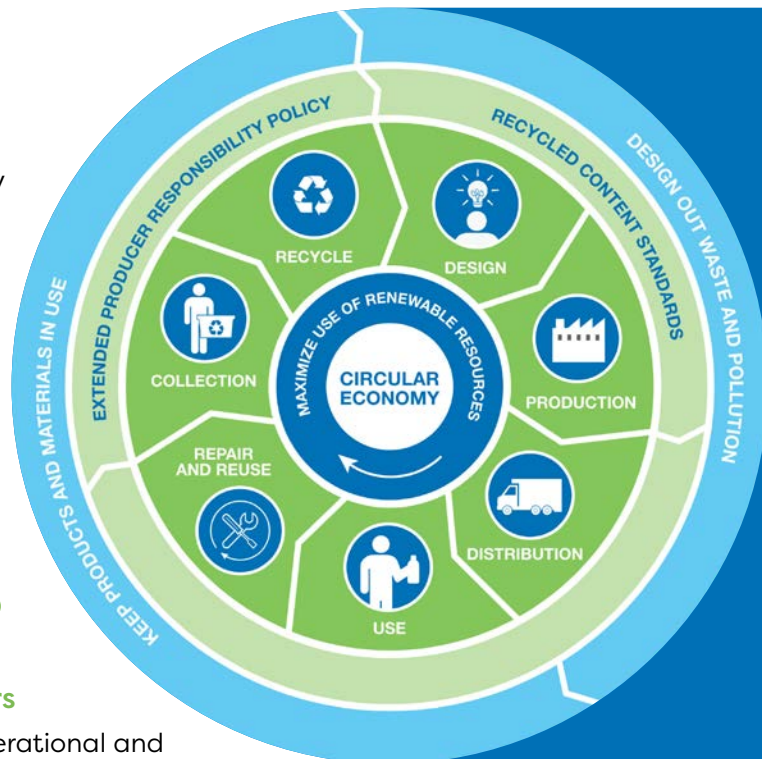
75% → 100%

Shared Responsibility

- Producers responsible for up to **75%** of the costs.
- Local governments manage own programs.

Managed by Producers

- Producers assume operational and financial responsibility for collecting and recycling household packaging and paper products.
- Partner with businesses and organizations to ensure material is responsibly recycled.



What to Expect During the Transition (2024-2027)

- 1. New Items Accepted at SARCAN depots:** Effective December 1, 2024, recycle flexible plastics, foam packaging and non-deposit glass bottles and jars at SARCAN depots.
- 2. Consistent List of Accepted Materials:** SK Recycles has created a province-wide list of accepted materials. As communities join the program, they'll be able to recycle everything on this list, including new items for home recycling and recycling at SARCAN depots.
- 3. Provincial Post-Collection System:** Once collected from homes and depots, packaging and paper will be managed by SK Recycles' province-wide system, ensuring all program materials are responsibly and efficiently recycled.
- 4. Material Tracking System:** When communities join the SK Recycles program, the materials collected will be tracked in a province-wide system. This ensures we know how much is collected and where it goes, from homes through to sale to end markets to be made into new packaging and products.

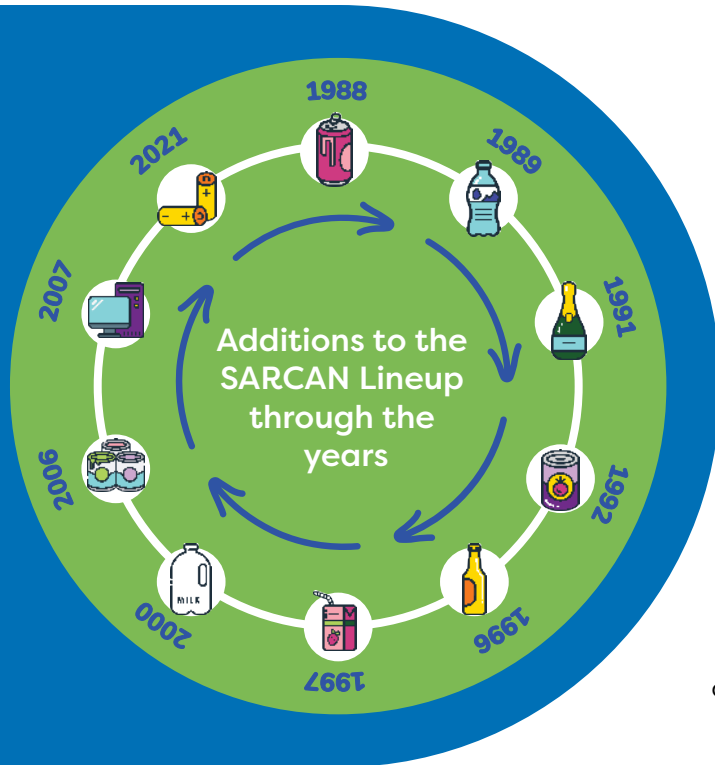


Learn more at [SKRecycles.ca](https://www.skrecycles.ca)

Over 3.5 decades of

Serving Saskatchewan & Growing Communities

Ever since we first opened our doors in 1988, it has been our mandate to provide a reliable, responsible, and efficient recycling service for Saskatchewan residents. Through our history, we have continually added new items to our list of accepted materials and partnered with several organizations to collect and manage these items, ensuring they are kept out of our landfills and put to good use in the manufacturing of new products.



73
Depots

65
Communities

900
Employees

Now, over three and a half decades later, SARCAN recycling is not only one of Canada's leading recycling systems, but also one of the nations largest inclusive employers.

When you recycle at SARCAN, you are not just a customer - you are a community builder. The materials that you bring for recycling help to support our organization, contributing to the creation of over 900 green, rewarding careers for people of all abilities and backgrounds. This all works towards stronger, more vibrant Saskatchewan communities all while keeping valuable materials from ending up in the waste, protecting the environment and promoting a circular economy.

To learn more about our history, what you can bring for recycling on your next visit, and where your nearest depot is located, visit SARCAN.CA!

Visit SARCAN.CA for more!



How to return these new items

Collect

These materials separately from your beverage containers, ensuring they are clean.

Visit

your local SARCAN depot and look for these signs in the customer area.



Place

Flexible plastic and foam items in the receptacles provided. Hand your glass bottles and jars to an employee.

Ask

an employee if you need a hand or visit SARCAN.CA for more info!



As of December 1st, 2024

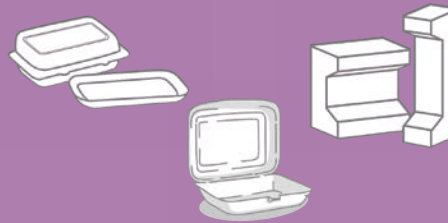
You Can Now Recycle

FLEXIBLE PLASTIC PACKAGING



Flexible plastics are lightweight, soft and can be easily crumpled or folded

FOAM PACKAGING



Take out containers & cups, food trays, egg cartons, and cushioning for electronics & small appliances

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Non-deposit glass containers

at all SARCAN depots across the province!

The Impact of Your Returns

Each year, over 50 million pounds of precious resources are diverted from Saskatchewan landfills by recycling at SARCAN.

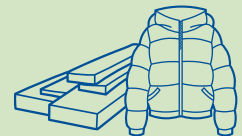
After you bring them to us, our teams consolidate and compact the materials before they are sent to down-stream markets where they are made into high-quality new products, such as



New Beverage Containers



Fibreglass Insulation



Non-Food Grade Plastic Products

This process has a massive environmental impact. Reusing the materials we already have significantly reduces the need for natural resource extraction, conserving energy and lowering greenhouse gas emissions. Last year alone, your recycling

saved enough energy to power



9700+ Homes

was the equivalent of pulling



11,000+ Cars off the road