

## Tell me more about extended producer responsibility

### What is extended producer responsibility?

- Extended producer responsibility – or EPR – is a “producer pay” system in which companies that produce certain products and packaging are responsible for the cost to recycle or dispose of it.
- The first three product categories to be managed under EPR are printed paper and packaging, household hazardous waste and automotive waste.
- The intention is to encourage more sustainable practices that results in less waste in our landfill and a financially sustainable recycling system.

### Who is currently paying for waste and recycling?

- The government, recycling processors, and you.

### What’s wrong with the current system?

- The current system is financially unsustainable.
- The Yukon is in a unique position where two private entities provide recycling services for printed paper and packaging in the territory. They aren’t required to do so, and if markets continue to shift or value disappears, they could stop at any moment. This would be incredibly damaging to our waste diversion system and the environment.

### What does EPR mean for me?

- Recycling services will continue or improve.
- For consumers, instead of paying a “back end fee” for recycling or disposal (like a tipping fee or taxes), large producers will be required to offer recycling services as part of the full cost of a product.
- Recycling/disposal cost per product will be set by industry after consulting with local businesses.
- If you are a producer that brings or sells the products and packaging in the Yukon, you may have new obligations to participate in collection and end-of-life management of these products and packaging.

### Are products going to get more expensive?

- In many cases, we already pay higher fees on some paper products and packaging because of EPR systems in other jurisdictions. This is because EPR fees are common in other provinces and large producers do not adjust the price down (often just a fraction of a cent per product) when sold to the Yukon. That means in many cases, the Yukon is paying for recycling and not getting the corresponding recycling service.
- Where new fees are added at the purchase point, it will be free to drop off.
- When we “pre-pay” for recycling, your choice to buy the product means you’ve already paid for the proper handling.

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