

EPR in Washington State

ENACTED:

2006 – Electronics (TVs, computers, monitors)

2010 – Mercury-Containing Lights (CFLs, fluorescent tubes)

2018 – Safe Medication Return

2019 – Architectural Paint

2023 – Batteries

2025 – Recycling Reform Act (packaging & paper)

PROPOSED:

2025 – Beverage Container Deposit Return System

2025 – Mattresses

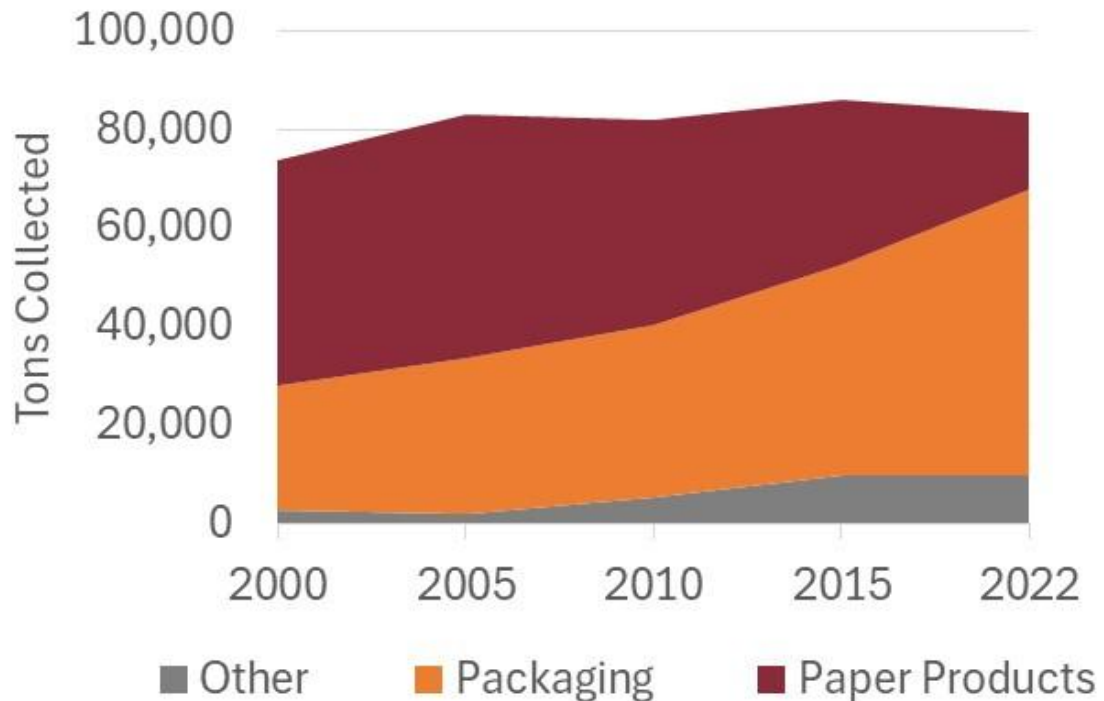
2025 – Textiles

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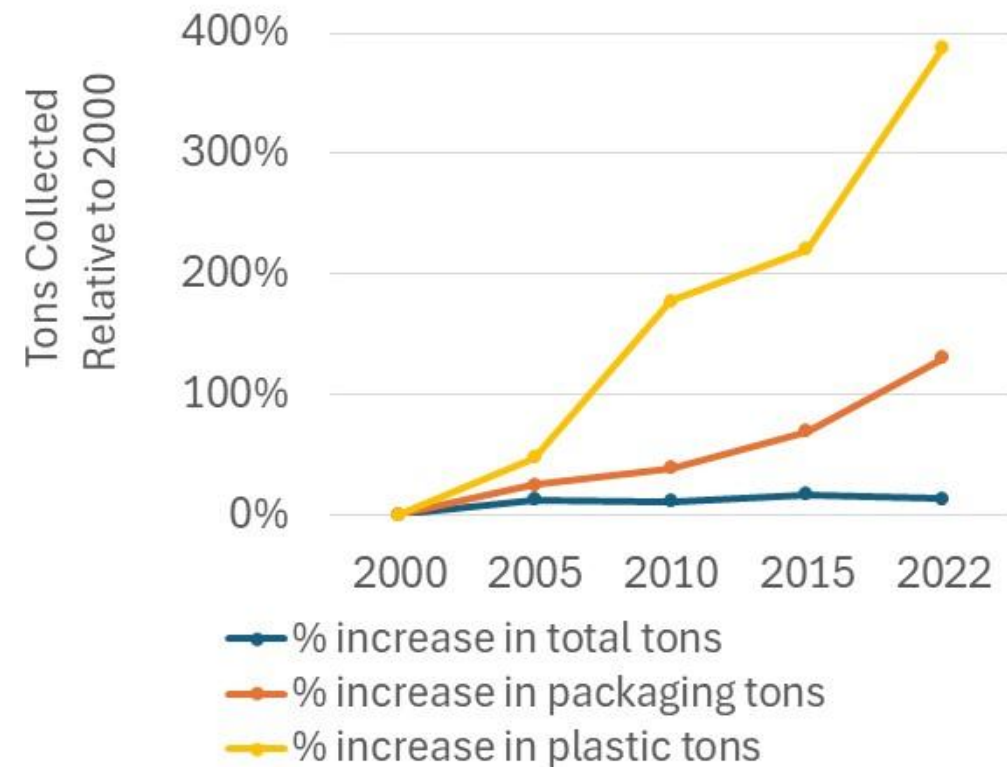
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Packaging is now 70% of Seattle's Recycling, Plastics have increased nearly 400% since 2000

Presence of Packaging in Seattle's Residential Recycling, 2000-2022



Increase in Plastics in Seattle's Residential Recycling, 2000-2022





Benefits of EPR for Packaging

- ✓ Shifts costs to ease burden on local govts.
- ✓ Ensures recycling service for all residents.
- ✓ Reduces resident confusion, enables consistent messaging.
- ✓ Creates feedback loop for packaging design and recyclability.
- ✓ Supports local recycling infrastructure development and jobs.
- ✓ Creates markets for recycled materials.
- ✓ Provides transparency, accountability to ensure responsible recycling.



Recycling Reform Act 2025 – What happens now?



DEPARTMENT OF
ECOLOGY

- Start rulemaking
- Prelim. studies & needs assessment
- Establish statewide lists by **Oct 1, 2026**



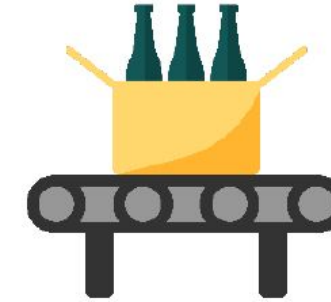
ADVISORY COUNCIL

- Appointed by **Jan 1, 2026**
- Involvement on rules, lists, studies, etc.



SERVICE PROVIDERS

- (incl. local govs)*
- Must register annually with ECY
- First deadline: **Jan 31, 2026**
- Align with statewide list and standards



PRODUCER S

- Select PRO by **Jan 2026**
- Report on sales & pay fees yearly by **July 1**



PRO

- Register by **March 2026**
- Pay state costs starting **Sep 2026**, pay service costs starting **2030**