

Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging Like Products Material Management Standard



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Applicability

- 1(1) This Standard applies to the designated material and material categories prescribed in the *Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging Like Products Regulations*.
- (2) This Standard describes the minimum management requirements for material categories for designated materials under the *Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging Like Products Regulations*.

Definitions

2(1) In this standard, the following definitions apply:

“Beneficial reuse” means the reclamation of materials in such a manner that they cannot displace the primary or raw materials they were produced from and are practically unrecoverable for the original purpose they were created and instead act as a substitute material in other uses.

“Compost” has the same meaning as in the *Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations*.

“Energy Recovery” means the extraction or production of energy, including fuels, from source-separated designated materials but does not include incineration in an incinerator.

“Incinerator” has the same meaning as in the *Solid Waste Resource Management Regulations*.

“Recycle” means the reclamation of materials in such a manner that they can displace the primary or raw materials they were produced from.

“Regulations” mean the *Packaging, Paper Products and Packaging Like Products Regulations*.

Material Management Requirements

- 3(1) A producer must meet the material management requirements for material categories in Table 1 using the methods specified in subsections (2).
- (2) The material management performance requirement in Table 1 is the amount of a designated material type that is re-used for its original purpose or function, recycled, composted, recovered for energy, or beneficially reused by a producer in accordance with this standard divided by the amount of that designated material

type that the producer supplies in Nova Scotia to consumers for personal, family or household purposes, expressed as a percentage.

Minimum Material Management Requirements

4(1) The minimum material management requirements that a producer must meet for each material category are set out in the following table:

Table 1: Material Management Requirements by Designated Material Type

Material Category	Column 1 Years 1 & 2 Calendar years: 2026 & 2027	Column 2 Years 3 & 4 Calendar years: 2028 & 2029	Column 3 Year 5 Calendar year: 2030	Column 4 Year 10 & onward Calendar years: 2035 & onward
Paper	Best efforts to meet 80% target	80%	90%	95%
Rigid Plastic	Best efforts to meet 60% target	60%	65%	70% plus 5% every 5 years thereafter until 85% is achieved
Flexible Plastic	Best efforts to meet 30% target	30%	40%	50% plus 5% every 5 years thereafter until 85% is achieved
Glass	Best efforts to meet 75% target	75%	85%	90%
Metal	Best efforts to meet 70% target	70%	80%	85%

Reporting Requirement

5(1) The producer shall only report material that was processed by a registered processor and reported in the name of the producer or, if reported in the name of the producer's producer responsibility organization, that the producer responsibility organization reported as allocated to the producer through the reporting requirements under the Regulation to satisfy the producer's management requirement in the previous calendar year.

6(1) A producer shall only report material, in respect of the producer's management requirement for a material category, that satisfies the requirements set out in subsection (2).

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), the following requirements must be satisfied:

- (a) The material must be,
 - i. marketed for re-use for their original purpose or function,
 - ii. recycled into new products or packaging,
 - iii. marketed as compost,
 - iv. marketed for beneficial reuse, or
 - v. marketed for energy recovery.

- (3) The weight of the material may only be counted one time by the producer and must not be counted by more than one producer.
- (4) Unless approved by the Administrator, the material must have been processed within three months of the registered processor receiving the material.
- (5) A producer may only satisfy a management requirement for a material category with material in that material category.
- (6) Material that meets any of the following conditions shall not be accounted for in respect of a producer's management requirement for a material category:
 - (a) The material is used in a product that is land cover, unless the land cover is,
 - i. glass used for aggregate replacement, or
 - ii. a product that supports soil health or crop growth that is created from material that is recovered from paper.
 - (b) The material is supplied to an incinerator for incineration.
 - (c) The material is landfilled or land disposed.