



## Upcoming meetings and reminders

- Jan. 22, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Commingled Recycling Processing Facility Technical Workgroup ([Register in advance](#))
- Jan. 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m. | Fourth Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- Feb. 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. | Fifth Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting ([Register in advance](#))
- February 2024, date TBD | Recycling Council meeting
- March 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. | Sixth Rulemaking Advisory Committee meeting ([Register in advance](#))

## Recycling processing facilities

The technical workgroup related to commingled recycling processing facilities will meet on Jan. 22, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to continue discussions about details related to the permitting and certification program as well as the two fees that the producer responsibility organizations will pay to the processors. To register to attend the meeting, visit the [workgroup website](#).

## Second rulemaking process

At its next meeting on Jan. 31, 2024, the Rulemaking Advisory Committee will discuss:

- Two fees producer responsibility organizations will pay to commingled recycling processors,
- Clarifying the definition of “covered product” (including exemptions),
- Clarifying producer definitions, and
- PRO reporting requirements.

For more information and to register to attend Rulemaking Advisory Committee meetings, visit the [Recycling 2024 Rulemaking website](#).

## **Share your best practices for reducing recycling contamination**

Beginning in 2025, Oregon communities will be eligible for funding from producer responsibility organizations to implement programs to reduce recycling contamination. To help local governments and service providers use funding wisely, DEQ wants to know which types of contamination reduction programs work best.

If your community or organization have data or information that demonstrate the effectiveness of current or past recycling contamination reduction programs, please consider sharing your results with DEQ.

DEQ seeks research (including pilots and case studies) about all types of contamination reduction strategies, including:

- Testing of variables such as materials, labels, and signage or cart design, color, size, and location;
- Customer feedback, incentives, or service consequences;
- Using artificial intelligence, cameras and other technologies; and
- Programmatic or infrastructure changes such as switch to dual stream collection.

DEQ welcomes research tailored to any type of customer or community, including single-family and multifamily residents, businesses, and self-haul, in both urban and rural settings.

Please let DEQ know about your contamination reduction research results by emailing [RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22.

## **Fact sheet for adopted recycling acceptance lists**

As part of the first RMA rulemaking, the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission adopted statewide recycling acceptance lists on Nov. 16, 2023. A [fact sheet](#) containing the adopted lists, including the uniform statewide collection list and the PRO acceptance list, can be found on the RMA website. Please note that the recycling acceptance lists may change over time. For example, producer responsibility organizations may propose to add materials to the Uniform Statewide Collection List in their program plans.



## Learn more

Want to understand how the Recycling Modernization Act will change the future of recycling in Oregon? Start by viewing the videos on the main RMA [web page](#). Now in Spanish!

## Reach out

Still have questions? We're here to help! Email the RMA team at [RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:RethinkRecycling@deq.oregon.gov).