

Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR)

Extended Producers Responsibility (EPR) is a mandatory program that places the financial and managerial responsibility of properly recycling products in an environmentally-friendly way on to the producer and/or manufacturer. The EPR program shifts the burden away from municipalities and residents, and places it on to those putting products into the market. Additionally, manufacturers are incentivized to incorporate environmental considerations into the design of their products and as well as the packaging.

Manufacturers should have contact and disposal information labeled on the product.



Eligible Items for EPR Program:

- [Rechargeable batteries](#) - By law, manufacturers of covered rechargeable batteries are responsible for collection and recycling.
- [Electronic equipment](#) - Requires manufacturers to provide free recycling of electronic waste to NYS consumers.
- [Mercury thermostats](#) - Requires manufacturers to collect and recycle of out-of-service mercury thermostats at no cost to NYS consumers.
- [Specific carpets](#) - To go into effect on **7/1/2026**. Requires carpet producers to fund a collection program at no cost to NYS consumers.
- [Pharmaceutical drugs](#) - Requires manufacturers to manage a drug take back program to collect and dispose of covered drugs.

Benefits of EPR:

- Producers are incentivized to be environmentally innovative in their design process.
- Creates a chance for businesses to manufacture sustainable and environmentally conscious products.
- Spurs ingenuity and expands work opportunities.
- Use of fewer materials and creation of more sustainable products, reducing the producer's end-of-life costs and impact on the environment.
- Less solid waste polluting our land, water, and air.
- Less money needed from municipalities to manage excess waste.

