

EXPANSION OF THE ELECTRONICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

ARMA is pleased to announce that the Government of Alberta has approved the proposed expansion of the Electronics Recycling Program, which will take effect on April 1, 2025. This expansion will integrate over 500 ePilot items into the program and include consultations on solar panels, electric vehicle (EV) batteries, and wind turbine recycling programs. Alberta was the first province in Canada to establish an electronics recycling program and will now be the first to recycle these renewable energy products.

As valued partners in the ePilot program since 2020, communities across Alberta operating registered electronics collection sites have played a vital role in its success, ensuring that over 21,000 tonnes of ePilot material have been collected for responsible recycling. Your collaboration with registered processors and your ability to manage an expanded scope of materials have been key factors in securing the approval for this program expansion.

Please note that until the expansion takes effect on April 1, 2025, all program activities and requirements will remain unchanged. ARMA will provide regular updates and share important information as we prepare for the program's permanent expansion.

The provincial government will lead consultations with various stakeholders regarding the next steps for solar, EV battery, and wind turbine recycling. There is much to learn and a great deal of work ahead. If you have any questions about renewables, please contact info@albertarecycling.ca.



REMINDERS FOR ELECTRONICS

Please maintain status quo operations from now until March 31, 2025. This means :

- Continue storing Program and ePilot materials separately so the processors can receive and weigh them separately. Scale Tickets will indicate separate weights. View the ePilot product list on our website.
- Enter weights based on the eligible net tonnes as detailed on Processor Scale Tickets in ARMA Connect. Exclude ineligible materials. Backup documentation, when requested, includes Scale Tickets and signed Material Transport Manifests/Pickup Forms as proof of the shipments.

If you have any questions regarding how to complete your claims or require clarification, email collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca.

SOLAR PANEL COLLECTION:

If your site has a stockpile of solar panels, please email us at info@albertarecycling.ca to discuss handling options.



PAINT CONTAMINATION IS COSTLY

To avoid contamination fees, store HHW separately from paint. Processors may charge contamination fees if non-paint materials, such as multi-component or adhesive products, are found mixed with paint. This fee is outside ARMA's authority. For product inquiries, view our paint recycling stewardship program training module on our website or email collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca.

PAINT COLLECTION TIPS

- Ensure the collection site signage is posted and visible to the public.
- Have a table available for residents to place materials on.
- Maximize paint can storage (including empty cans) to capture as much eligible material as possible.
- Place paint cans in processor-supplied bins to ensure secondary containment and accurate calculation of collection funding.
- Collect spray paint/paint aerosols separately from non-aerosol paint materials and HHW aerosol cans.
- Keep lids on the bins to prevent moisture from entering the bin.
- Remember, empty paint and spray paint cans are included in the program.

For more information, visit our paint recycling stewardship program training module on our website.

ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES FOR PAINT AND TIRES

ARMA has been overseeing recycling initiatives on behalf of the Government of Alberta for over 30 years. We are committed to working with our stakeholders to grow and adjust our programs to have the greatest impact on the environment and our economy.

Based on thorough analysis and a third-party sustainability review, with input from key stakeholders—including representatives from the tire and paint industries—an environmental fee adjustment has been identified to more accurately reflect the costs associated with supporting a sustainable tire and paint recycling ecosystem.

PAINT CLAIMS

The ARMA Connect online claim portal requires the entry of Standard Paint Bins and Spray Paint cans or drums (depending on the collection method) based on the detailed Processor Manifest/Bill of Lading. Ensure any non-program (ineligible) materials are excluded from the claim. Backup documentation, when requested, includes signed Processor Manifest/Bill of Lading. For assistance, email collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca.



Starting October 1, 2024, the new environmental fee rates are as follows:

PAINT (Starting Oct. 1, 2024)
Aerosols: \$0.40
100 – 250 mL: \$0.40
251 – 1.0 L: \$0.70
1.01 L – 5.0 L: \$1.30
5.01 L – 23.0 L: \$2.80

TIRES (Starting Oct. 1, 2024)
Passenger and Light Truck (PLT) tires: \$5.00
Specialty/Industrial/ Other (SIO) tires: \$5.00

For more information about these changes, please contact paint@albertarecycling.ca or tires@albertarecycling.ca.



TIRE-DERIVED AGGREGATE (TDA)

TDA, made from mechanically shredding scrap tires, is an engineered product used in drainage systems and road construction. ARMA-approved processors produce TDA, offering significant cost savings over conventional aggregate. Alberta's Tire Recycling Program funds 100% of TDA production costs and partially covers delivery expenses.

For more information on TDA or to acquire it for your project, visit our TDA page or contact our Tire Program Administrator at info@albertarecycling.ca or 1.888.999.8762.

COLLECTION OF USED OIL MATERIALS

Registered processors, audited and approved by ARMA, can pick up your oil materials. They collect and prepare eligible used oil products and are regularly reviewed. Contact a registered processor for pick-up services.

ELIGIBLE MATERIALS:

- Used lubricating oil
- Oil filters (metal and non-metal)
- Oil containers (metal and plastic) *

**Separate eligible oil containers from ineligible automotive containers.*



SIGNAGE USE



Please display ARMA-provided signage appropriately and do not alter or dispose of it. This signage helps raise awareness and guide proper material disposal.

QUARTERLY COLLECTION FUNDING PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Report Period Name	Collection Funding Request Due Date
July – September 2024	October 7, 2024
October – December 2024	January 8, 2025
January – March 2025	April 7, 2025

All funding requests for electronics or paint shipments up to the fiscal year-end, March 31, 2025, are to be submitted no later than April 11, 2025, to be eligible for funding payments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 COLLECTION SITE AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS!

**CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN
TRANSFER & ECO STATION**

**TOWN OF PONOKA
WASTE TRANSFER STATION**

TOWN OF TABER TRANSFER STATION



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

As we approach the April 2025 Phase I launch of EPR, the Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) remains dedicated to supporting communities through every stage of development and ensuring a smooth transition to EPR.

Following strong community registration in EPR, we have hosted several EPR Information Sessions across Alberta, bringing communities together to discuss EPR progress and facilitate conversations with the PROs establishing collection systems. These sessions were a great success thanks to partners from all over the province working collaboratively. To further support communities, we encourage you to explore the many useful tools and resources available on our website including a recording of our recent virtual community information session.

ADVERTISE YOUR COLLECTION SITE

ARMA offers grants to help registered sites promote recycling options. Learn about funding opportunities for electronics, paint, tires, and used oil material collection efforts. Contact our Program Administrator at 1.888.999.8762 or collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca.

USED OIL MATERIALS SUPPORT GRANT

ARMA's Used Oil Materials Support Grant, launched in May 2024, is designed to improve how used oil, oil filters, and empty oil containers are managed at landfills, transfer stations, and recycling depots. We would like to hear from you on ways we can evolve this grant and make it more beneficial for your collection site. Please provide your feedback to grants@albertarecycling.ca.



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