



ARMA CONNECT UPDATE

Our new online claims portal, ARMA Connect, is now in full operation with all our stewardship programs. This new tool goes together with our vision of **Inspiring a Future Without Waste** as it leads us further down the paperless path with our operational partners including suppliers, processors, and collection sites. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and dedication that our team and the Collection Site Working Group have shown and all those that worked with us as we planned, tested and implemented this transformational software.

For collectors, this means that all claims for electronics and paint materials should now be reported on ARMA Connect. Your first claim in the portal will be shipments for January 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023. Any electronics and paint material shipments up to December 2022 that were not previously claimed under the old forms method can also be added in ARMA Connect. Use of the claim forms and submission via fax and email has been discontinued. For more information about ARMA Connect and this updated online reporting method, please email collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)

On October 3, 2022, it was announced that ARMA would be the oversight body for the province's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) regulation which supports two product streams: Single-use Products, Packaging and Paper Products (PPP), and Hazardous and Special Products (HSP). Alberta's EPR regulation (194/2022) shifts the cost of recycling from municipalities to industries that produce products.

We are currently in a transitional period with the government on the next steps surrounding EPR—including model bylaws—in order to fulfill objectives and goals as an oversight body. The following timelines have been established for the transition, development, and implementation of the two product streams.



* Timelines are based on current projections and collaborations with the Government of Alberta.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING



SOLAR PANEL RECYCLING

ARMA is continuing to work with NAIT and Hi-Tech Recyclers to evaluate a significant supply of solar panels so that we can create reuse criteria and recycling guidelines. If your site has a stockpile of solar modules, please email us at info@albertarecycling.ca to discuss handling options.



ePILOT EXTENDED

In December, ARMA received a Ministerial Order from the Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas, to extend the ePilot. This extension permits the ePilot to continue operating as established, with no impacts, providing additional time for us to work with government on the feedback on our ePilot report and the associated recommendations for expansion. It will also permit time for a seamless transition between the existing program and an expansion, once we are able. Please continue to operate the ePilot program according to the existing guidelines, so that we can continue to collect valuable data and report on any other findings.



KEEP YOUR DEPOT DETAILS UP TO DATE

Registered collection sites are listed in our online Depot Finder so that Albertans can find convenient locations to drop off their recyclables. It's important to have this information up to date, so please contact collection.sites@albertarecycling.ca if you have any updates.

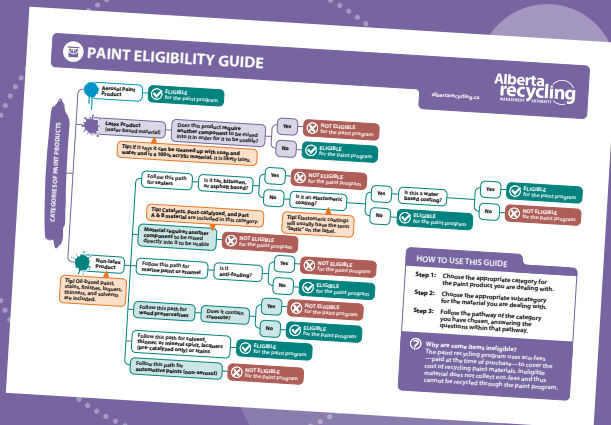


PAINT RECYCLING



BEST PRACTICES TRAINING MODULE

ARMA has developed a training resource for paint collectors to help you educate your staff. We have also created a **Paint Eligibility Guide** to provide you with guidance in sorting collected paint materials. These tools can be found at learn.albertarecycling.ca



CONTAMINATION IS COSTLY

If you collect HHW, store it separately from paint. Processors may charge a contamination fee if they find other materials like corrosive or adhesive products mixed in with paint. This fee is outside of ARMA's authority and is a business decision by the processor.

If you are unsure about a product, email our field staff at 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 their materials on.
- Maximize the storage of paint cans to capture as much eligible material as possible.
- Keep aerosol cans separate from non-aerosol paint materials.
- Keep lids on the bins to prevent moisture from getting in.



TIRE RECYCLING

TIRE-DERIVED AGGREGATE (TDA)

TDA is a cost-effective alternative to conventional aggregate for use in leachate drainage blankets. It also performs well in specific road construction applications.

Visit our **Tire-Derived Aggregate** page on our website for more information and applications.

BIKE TIRE CAGES

ARMA provides bicycle tire recycling cages, including signage, for the purpose of scrap bicycle tire collection so we can help Albertans divert scrap bike tires from landfill and ensure that they are responsibly recycled in Alberta.

Visit the **Bicycle Tire Recycling** page on our website for more information.



TIRE STORAGE TIPS

Collection areas should be free of non-tire material including hoses, tracks, and loose metal, and should be easily accessible to the public and processors. Tire piles must have 6m between them and be 15m from property lines and buildings.



DID YOU KNOW?
ALBERTANS HAVE BEEN
RECYCLING TIRES
SINCE 1992.



USED OIL & MATERIALS RECYCLING

UPDATE ON EXPANSION

In the spring of 2022, ARMA completed the first round of stakeholder engagements which showed strong support to add glycol/antifreeze fluids, and other types and sizes of automotive product containers. This information helped to shape our recommendations to amend and expand the Lubricating Oil Material Designation Regulation, which was sent to Alberta Environment and Protected Areas.

These recommendations are currently with the provincial government and we continue to work with them on the proposal.

OIL MATERIALS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED

The used oil program provides funding to registered processors to recycle the following eligible materials, based on their volume and weights:

**USED
LUBRICATING
OIL**



**OIL FILTERS
(METAL AND
NON-METAL)**



**OIL
CONTAINERS
(METAL AND
PLASTIC)***

**Continue to separately collect eligible oil containers from ineligible automotive containers.*

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECYCLING RESOURCES FOR ALBERTANS

Our vision is **Inspiring a Future Without Waste**, which is why we want to help Albertans recycle all types of materials, whether they are inside or outside of our programs. We have pulled together a list of resources to help you recycle, reuse, and divert all types of materials from landfills. Visit our website and click on the **Recycling Resources for Albertans** tab in the navigation.



ROUNDUP OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know there are two different roundup opportunities to help Albertans recycle electronics, paints, tires, used oil materials, and HHW?

1. **Municipal Roundup**—this program has been available since 2007 for municipalities and Indigenous Communities to hold a centralized drop-off collection event.
2. **Curbside Roundup Pilot**—ARMA has facilitated Curbside Roundups in select communities throughout Alberta. Stay tuned to our social media and website for updates on the communities we will be serving this year.

Contact us for application information that includes details on roundup event funding and setup.

QUARTERLY COLLECTION FUNDING PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Report Period Name	Collection Funding Request Due Date	Collection Funding Payment Date*
April – June 2023	July 11, 2023	August 22, 2023
July – September 2023	October 10, 2023	November 22, 2023
October – December 2023	January 9, 2024	February 22, 2024
January – March 2024	April 9, 2024	May 22, 2024

**Collection Funding Payment Dates indicate the date of payment for claims received by the due date, with no errors, and where any requested back-up documentation is submitted in a timely manner and substantiates the claim made. Claims received after the due date, with errors, or with insufficient back-up documentation will be paid only once completed, and on a later ARMA payment date (two payment dates per month).*

All funding requests for electronics or paint shipments up to the fiscal year end, March 31, 2024, are to be submitted no later than April 11, 2024, to be eligible for funding payments.

