

Understanding MMRP

Questions and Answers

- Q1: What is the Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP)? Why did the government go this route?
- A: As communities grow, so does the amount of waste generated. MMRP is a sustainable approach to managing waste in Saskatchewan. Larger and medium-sized businesses and organizations that supply or distribute packaged goods and paper to households in the province will now share with municipalities the responsibility for the cost of recycling these materials.
- Q2: Who is Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW)? What is its role?
- A: MMSW is a non-profit organization that operates similar programs in British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario. MMSW acts on behalf of Saskatchewan businesses that produce, sell or distribute residential packaging and paper to Saskatchewan consumers, ensuring businesses meet the regulatory obligations.
- A: Saskatchewan businesses or organizations that supply or distribute packaging or printed paper to Saskatchewan households are required to register with MMSW, report their annual tonnage of packaging and paper produced or distributed, and pay fees based on that tonnage. These business or organizations are also referred to as industry stewards (stewards). Some exemptions apply.
- Q3: How do I know if I have to participate in MMRP?
- A: Please see this flow-chart “Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) – Is your Business Obligated?” (need to hyperlink later) for further explanation.
- A: Under The Household Packaging and Paper Stewardship Program Regulations, producers, sellers and distributors (stewards) of packaging and paper are responsible for their waste. A steward is:
- a Saskatchewan-based brand owner of packaging or paper; or
 - the Saskatchewan business that brings the packaging or paper into Saskatchewan, if the brand owner is not based in Saskatchewan.
- A: A brand owner is the owner or licensee of a trademark that is used in association with or marked on paper and packaging.
- A: If your business or organization fits under either of the above criteria, you are required to participate. Businesses are required to report their packaging and paper tonnage and pay fees based on the reported amount.
- Q4: When did the program begin? What is the change effective January 1, 2017 for medium-sized businesses?
- A: The program began January 1, 2016 for all businesses with a minimum of \$5 million in annual revenue. Starting January 1, 2017, medium-size businesses with annual revenues over \$2 million are required to fully participate in MMRP. This means registering with MMSW, reporting the total tonnage of obligated packaging and paper produced, and paying a fee per tonne to MMSW.
- Q5: What is the exemption for small business?
- A: There are exemptions for Saskatchewan-based small businesses that have a single point of retail sale, or generate less than \$2 million gross revenue annually, or produce less than one tonne of packaging and paper annually. If you meet one of the criteria, MMRP does not apply to you.
- Q6: Where can I get help if I need to know how to determine my tonnage?
- A: The Canadian Stewardship Services Alliance publishes a guidebook helping businesses understand the program. The guidebook is [here](#). After referring to the guidebook, if you still have questions, please call MMSW directly at 1-888-980-9549 or you can email stewards@multimaterialsw.ca.