



# Understanding MMRP Fact Sheet

The Multi-Material Recycling Program (MMRP) is a sustainable approach to managing waste in Saskatchewan. MMRP is a cost-sharing initiative between businesses and communities.

The program is operated by Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW), a non-profit organization that operates similar programs in British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario. MMSW acts on behalf of businesses that produce, sell or distribute residential packaging and paper to Saskatchewan households.

Unless there is an applicable exemption, Saskatchewan businesses or organizations that supply or distribute packaging or printed paper to Saskatchewan households are required to register with MMSW, report the tonnage of packaging and paper produced or distributed, and pay fees based on that tonnage. These businesses or organizations are also referred to as industry stewards (stewards).

MMRP focuses on the packaging and paper that goes out a business's front door and home with the customer, not what goes out the back door as part of a business's regular operation and recycling efforts.

For businesses that meet certain criteria, there are options for a full program exemption.

## Small Business Exemption

Under the small business policy, businesses not supplied by or operated as a franchise or chain and which meet one of the following criteria are considered a small business:

- generate less than \$2 million in gross annual revenue; or
- generate less than one tonne of paper and packaging produced annually; or
- operate as a single point of retail.

Retail means selling a product or service to a consumer. Wholesalers or suppliers that make business to business transactions are not considered retail for the purposes of the small business policy.

Those businesses that meet one of the three small business criteria are exempt from participating in MMRP and are not required to register with MMSW, report actual tonnage or pay annual fees.

## End of Temporary Exemption

Starting January 1, 2017, businesses with annual revenue between \$2 and \$5 million are now full participants and need to register with MMSW. (Businesses with over \$5 million in annual revenue became participants on January 1, 2016.)

At the launch of the program, there was a temporary transition exemption in place until December 31, 2016 for businesses whose annual revenue is between \$2 and \$5 million. The transition exemption also applied to all larger newspapers (all those not captured within the small business exemption). The ministry is working with the newspaper industry to achieve an acceptable plan in the post-transition period.

For more information regarding registering, reporting or fees, please visit MMSW's website at [mmsk.ca](http://mmsk.ca).