



What can Local Government do to conserve resources and reduce taxes? EPR.

*Local governments play a key role in the transition to
Extended Producer Responsibility.*

Regulatory role

- **Adopt a local EPR resolution**

Announce to producers of throw-away products that your municipality is phasing out rate-payer and tax-payer financed management of their wastes. Producers will be expected to finance and/or manage it themselves. Enlist senior government's help in facilitating the transition.

- **Use disposal bans to drive products into existing recycling programs and future EPR programs**

Help recycling programs be effective by eliminating the easy disposal options that compete for the products.

- **Nurture recycling through smart zoning, permitting and business licensing**

Recognize recycling and reuse businesses as the mirror image of retail businesses. Make sure in-store product take-back is exempt from unnecessary regulation and that clean recycling businesses are not restricted from commercial areas by zoning rules.

- **Adopt local take-back laws where feasible**

Where local authority and conditions permit, consider requiring take-back of hard-to-recycle products as a condition for sale in the jurisdiction.

- **Lobby senior levels of government for EPR legislation**

Only senior governments can create a level playing field so that all brand-owners for a particular product category are subject to the same stewardship responsibilities.

Service Provider role

- **Focus on organics (grown stuff) rather than products (made stuff)**

Encourage development of services to provide recycling for yard trimmings and food scraps as part of the community waste system

- **Develop an exit strategy for product waste management**

Phase out public management of waste products and packaging as EPR programs take over this responsibility

- **A new approach to waste characterization**

Survey current waste quantities and management costs by product category rather than by material type

- **Develop financing strategies for Zero Waste**

Anticipate a shift from disposal fees to recycling fees, and ultimately to local government not providing recycling at all

Consumer role

- **Specify take-back**

Implement environmentally preferable purchasing with product take-back specifications