

Comment Form

Manitoba wants to expand services to collect and recycle household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic waste (e-waste). HHW includes products such as paint and batteries, while e-waste includes computers and televisions. Industry has been asked to develop plans to manage these products and to fund the programs.

Your responses to the questions below are important in helping to shape the new programs. All responses and comments will be considered in developing recommendations for the Minister of Conservation, who is responsible for program approval.

Existing Programs

Beginning in April 2011, the new programs would replace the current government-funded HHW depots and e-waste roundups.

Are you familiar with the current programs for managing HHW and e-waste?

Have you used the existing depots?

Why or why not?

Accessibility and Convenience

The new programs will provide province-wide, convenient collection systems. This may include permanent depots, special events and “return to retail” collection for some products. In rural areas, facilities would be located approximately every 50 kilometres, while in larger centres, a 15 minute travelling distance is recommended. Remote areas may have different standards.

What do you think of these proposed standards?

How far would you travel to use an HHW or e-waste depot?

Do you have any suggestions about spacing of facilities?

Environmental Protection

HHW, such as batteries and paint, and e-waste, such as old computers and televisions, should not be thrown out with household garbage. Manitoba's existing HHW program collected 750,000 kilograms of waste in 2009, while the e-waste roundup collected 1.5 million kilograms of electronics. The new programs are expected to significantly increase the amount of waste that is managed safely.

How important is it to you that HHW and e-waste is managed safely?

Do you consider the environmental impact of products when you purchase them?

Are you saving any e-waste or HHW products in anticipation of a new program?

Funding Sources

The plans propose that program costs for some products such as medications and batteries be built into the sale price of the product. Fees to support waste management programs for other products such as paint and computers may be charged separately at the cash register.

Would you prefer the cost of recycling to be integrated into the product price or to be shown as a separate fee?

Do you agree that it makes sense for some products to have eco-fees while others should be integrated into product prices?

If recycling costs are part of the product price, should retailers provide details of those costs, such as on price stickers or shelf markers?

Financial Reporting

All programs will be required to report on program revenues and expenditures through an annual report.

Do you think that all programs should have the same reporting requirements?

What is the best way to make the public aware of the program results?

General Comments

Please feel free to provide any additional comments or suggestions.

Responses can be e-mailed or faxed to the address and number listed below.

COMMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 27, 2010 TO:

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