ALBERTA Hazardous & Special Products EPR

productcare RECYCLING

First Nations Solid Waste Workshop



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WHO IS PRODUCT CARE?

- Not-for-profit Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO)
- 32 years of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) expertise
- Supporting industry in responsible end-of-life product management
- Members – brand owners, manufacturers, retailers, distributors
- ARMA approved PRO for HSP (non-battery)

- HHW and HSP
- Smoke and CO Alarms
- Lights
- Paint



RESPONSIBLE, TOGETHER.

WHAT IS Producer Responsibility Organization?

PRO is responsible for end-of-life management of HSP

- ✓ Represent producers
- ✓ Responsible for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs
- ✓ Fund EPR programs
- ✓ Contract with communities for HSP collection services (collection sites & round-up events)
- ✓ Support public education & outreach
- ✓ Ensure regulatory reporting and compliance



WHAT IS HAZARDOUS & SPECIAL PRODUCTS (HSP)?



PRODUCT CATEGORIES

Only a subset of HHW products in the following product categories

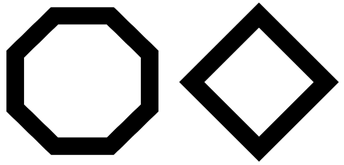
- Flammables
- Corrosives
- Domestic Pesticides
- Toxics

IDENTIFIERS

- Consumer Chemicals Container Regulations (CCCR) – Octagon-shaped Toxic, Corrosive, Flammable (chemical hazard warnings on consumer products showing the contents are dangerous)



- Domestic Pesticides – Octagon or Diamond-shaped with signal word “DANGER” or “WARNING” & PCP #



WHAT IS HAZARDOUS & SPECIAL PRODUCTS (HSP)?



MAXIMUM CONTAINER SIZES

- 10L/10Kg or less for liquids or solids
- 680g or less for pressurized containers
- 25L or less for gasolines (Exception: no CCCR symbol on this container)

EXCLUSIONS

- Industrial products
- Products intended for down-the-drain as its primary usage
- Products covered under ARMA Paint or Used Oil program
- Insect repellants, sanitizers, disinfectants for personal usage

HAZARDOUS & SPECIAL PRODUCTS (HSP) EXAMPLES

ACCEPTED



- Corrosive symbol (CCCR)
- Not intended for down-the-drain

NOT ACCEPTED



- Corrosive symbol (CCCR)
- < 10L/Kg
- Intended for down-the-drain use

ACCEPTED



- Domestic
- Octagon-shaped symbol w/ signal word DANGER
- < 680g
- PCP #

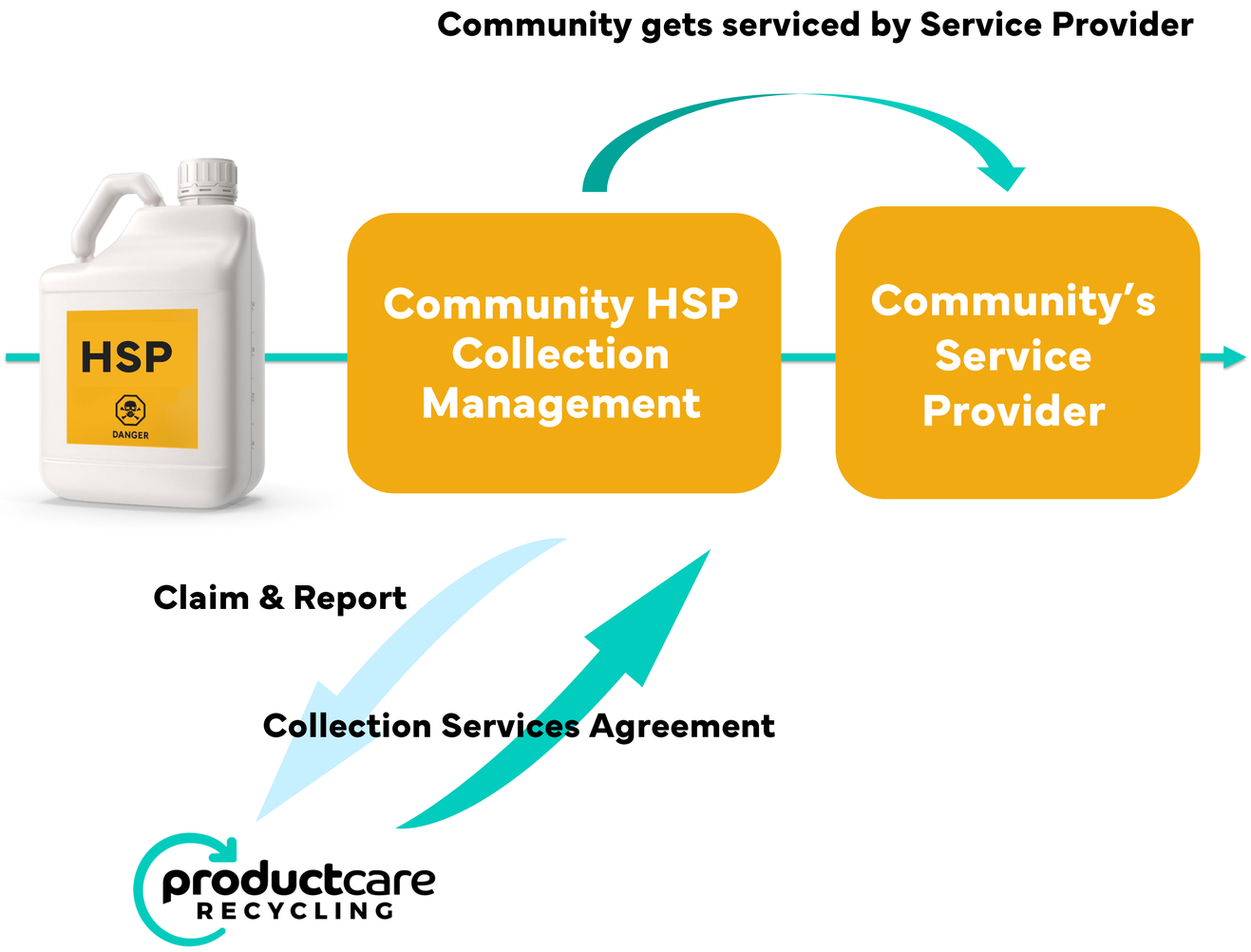
NOT ACCEPTED



- No CCCR symbol
- < 10L/Kg
- ARMA paint

HSP SYSTEM FLOW

Communities with existing HHW program



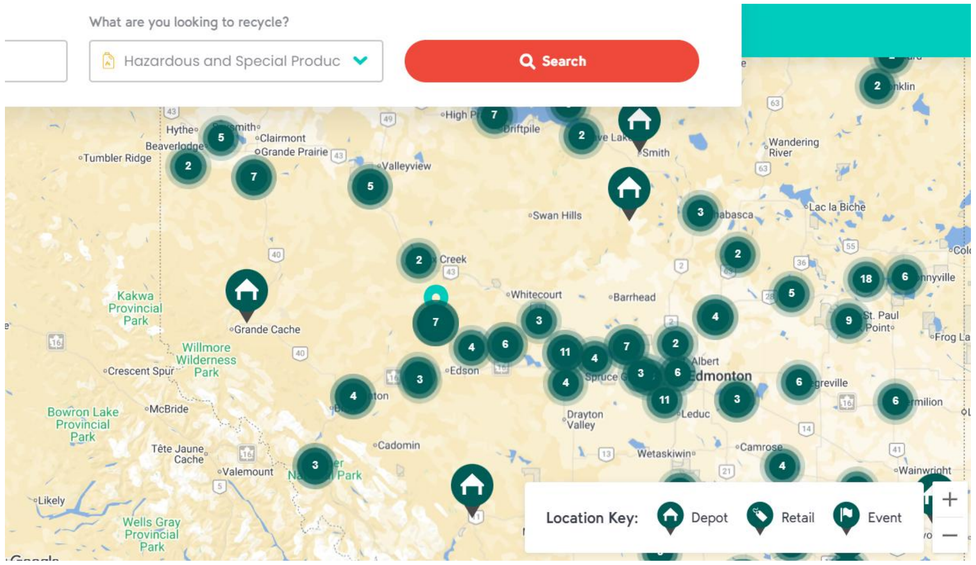
Communities with no existing HHW program

- Product Care collaborates with Community to establish a similar HSP system flow
- Partner with Community through the Collection Services Agreement
- Claim & report



PROMOTION & EDUCATION

- ✓ **Website & Recycling Locator:**
  - dedicated AB HSP webpage on **ProductCare.org**
  - searchable collection sites and collection events in the Recycling Locator
- ✓ **Education Materials:** digital & print assets e.g. brochures, explainer videos
- ✓ **Promotion & Advertising:**
  - digital awareness campaign through Facebook, Instagram
  - collection events promotion through the Recycling Locator and Facebook Event campaigns
  - geographically targeted advertising for local collection events
- ✓ **Leveraging HHW/HSP program experience:**
  - intend to augment and boost P&E activities by communities
  - avoid and minimize confusion to residents
  - seek synergies & opportunities for collaboration
- ✓ **Comprehensive P&E strategy:**
  - use various channels
  - dove-tail with community HHW promotional activities
  - provide additional support to HSP-only communities



ONGOING & NEXT STEPS

- Communities that are interested in HSP program register with ARMA
- ARMA approves communities' registration
- Product Care prepares services to registered communities
  - By the end of the following calendar year for round-up events
  - 24 months from the date of registration for collection depots
- Phone call, email, and virtual meetings with Product Care
- Partnership through Collection Services Agreement
- Continuous support







THANK YOU

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