



Packaging & Paper Products Producer Responsibility in Maryland



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

October 7, 2025
NERC 2025: Rethink Resource Use Conference

Shannon McDonald
Land and Materials Administration



Implementation: Overview

2023	2024	2025	2026
<u>SB 222 Enacted</u> • Established the Advisory Council • Required Needs Assessment • Defined Key Terms • PRO selected	• Needs Assessment began	<u>SB 901 Enacted</u> • Needs Assessment is published • SB 901 expands on and modifies Key Terms and other program components • Rulemaking begins	July 1, 2026 • PRO Registration • Producers may develop and operate an Alternative Collection Program ★ We are here



Current Waste Compositions

Figure 2-1 Statewide Disposed MSW Composition Percent (Unadj. 2016 vs. 2024)

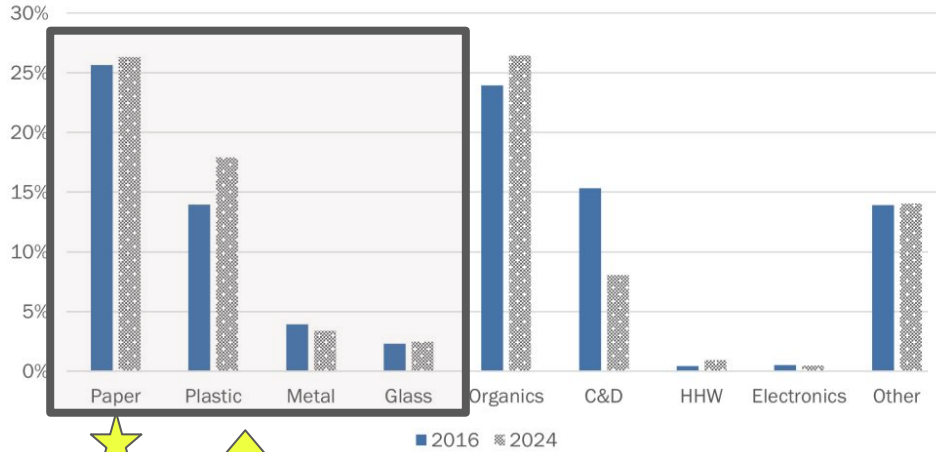
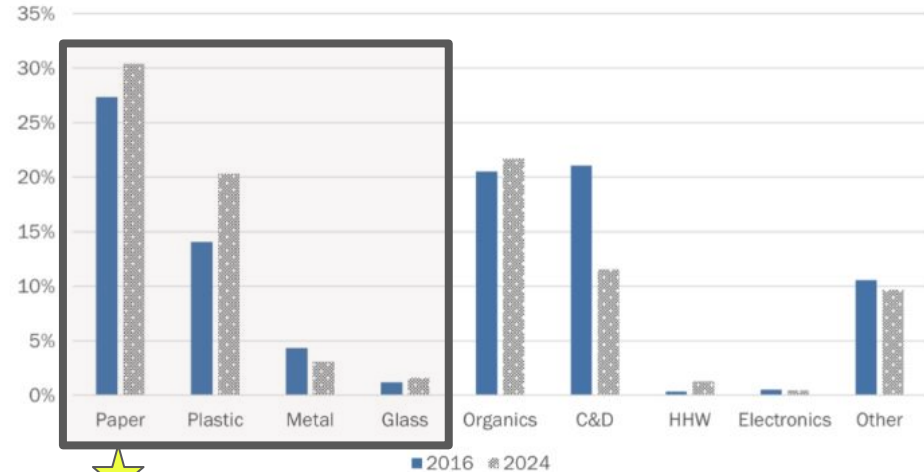


Figure 2-13 ICI Disposed MSW Composition Percent (Unadj. 2016 vs. 2024)





Goals of Maryland's EPR

- **Reduce financial burden on taxpayers**
- **Minimize environmental & human health impacts of packaging**
- **Increase reuse and recovery of materials**
- **Improve on market stability of materials**
 - Increased PCR
 - Improved access and efficiency
 - Modernization of reuse composting and recycling
 - REMs and Ecomodulation



Current markets

Maps provided by:

[Maryland Department of the Environment](#)

[Glass Packaging Institute](#)

[Association of Plastic Recyclers](#)

[US EPA](#)

[Upstream](#)



Where does Maryland sit

- No Bottle Bill, No Offer vs Serve for Utensils, No statewide bag ban
- No state tipping fee for waste [3 public MRF, 3 private MRF]
- Same PRO as most of other US States
- Participate and are active in:
 - All States meeting for EPR
 - PSI - Packaging Harmonization Task Force
 - TRP's State Leaders Forum
 - NERC
 - Upstream, Reuse Solutions Network (RSN) Meeting
- Host monthly Advisory Council meetings
- Evaluating Canadian and European programs



Resource and Contact

MDE EPR Webpage

- Packaging and Paper Product EPR Advisory Council Meetings
- Please send an email to *mde.epr@maryland.gov* if you are interested in joining our email list or applying for Council membership

