



Packaging & Paper Products Producer Responsibility in Maryland



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

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Current Waste Compositions

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

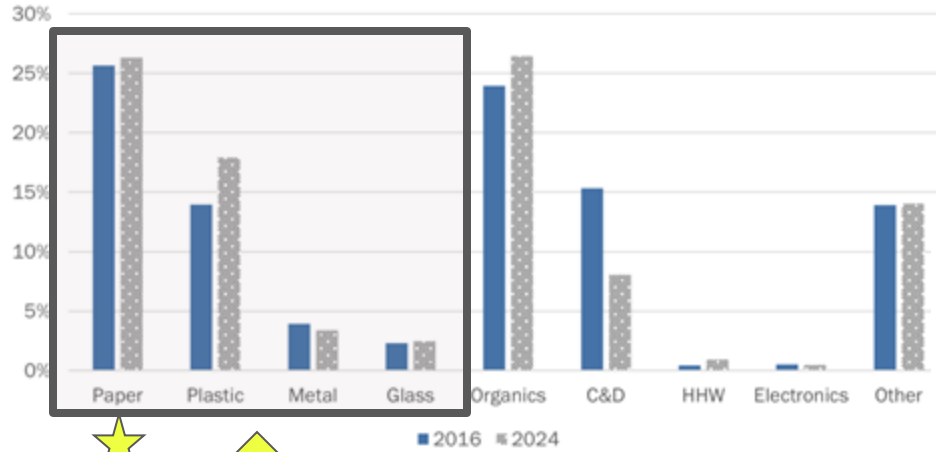
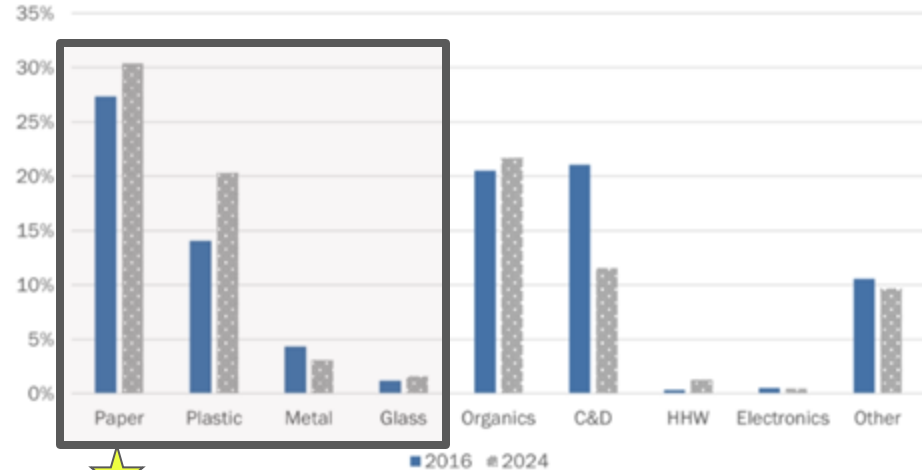


Figure 2-13 ICI Disposed MSW Composition Percent (Unadj. 2016 vs. 2024)



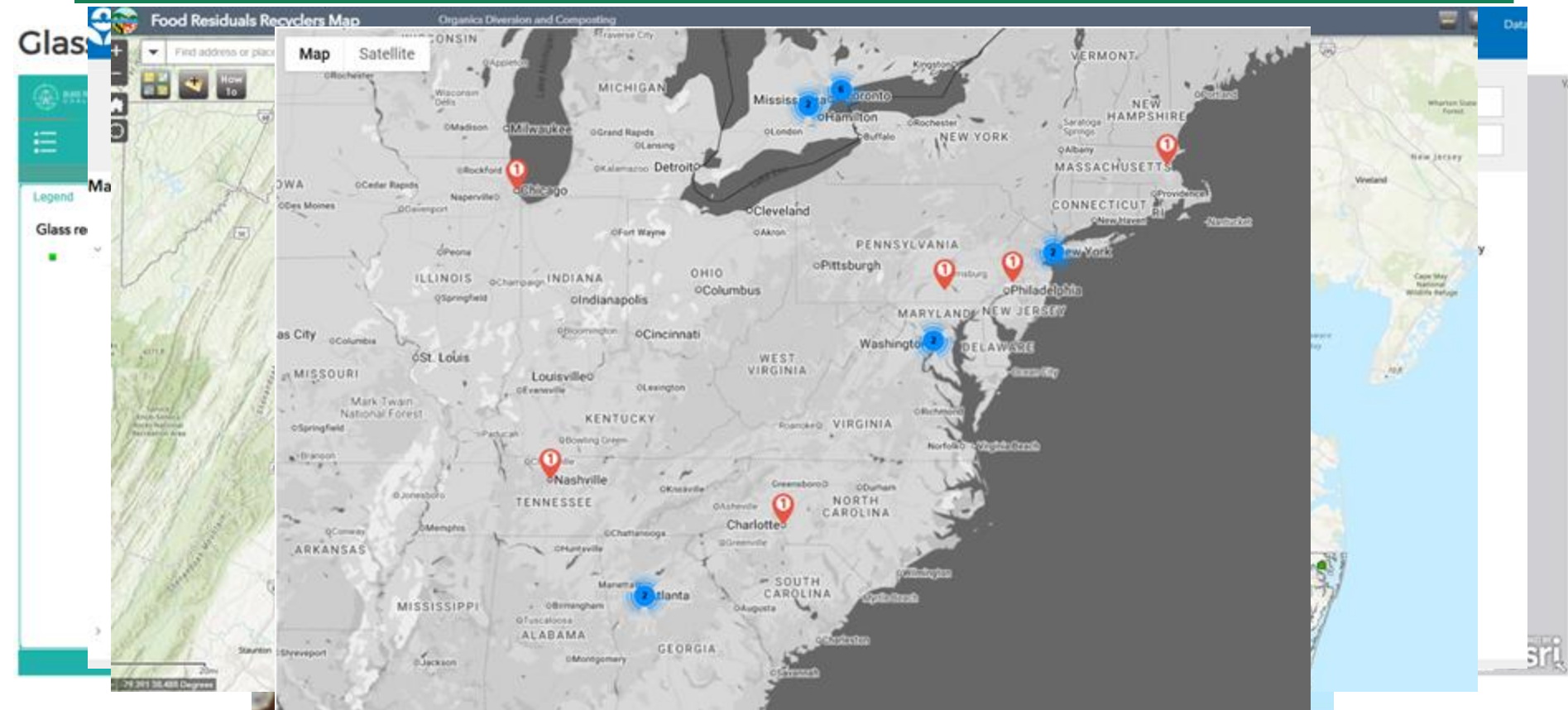


Goals of Maryland's EPR

- 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





Where does Maryland sit

- No Bottle Bill
- 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

