

# **Expanding Household Hazardous Waste Recycling in Manitoba**

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# Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



•flammable

e.g. gasoline, camping fuel

•corrosive

e.g. rust remover, grout cleaner

•toxic

e.g. furniture stripper, tar remover

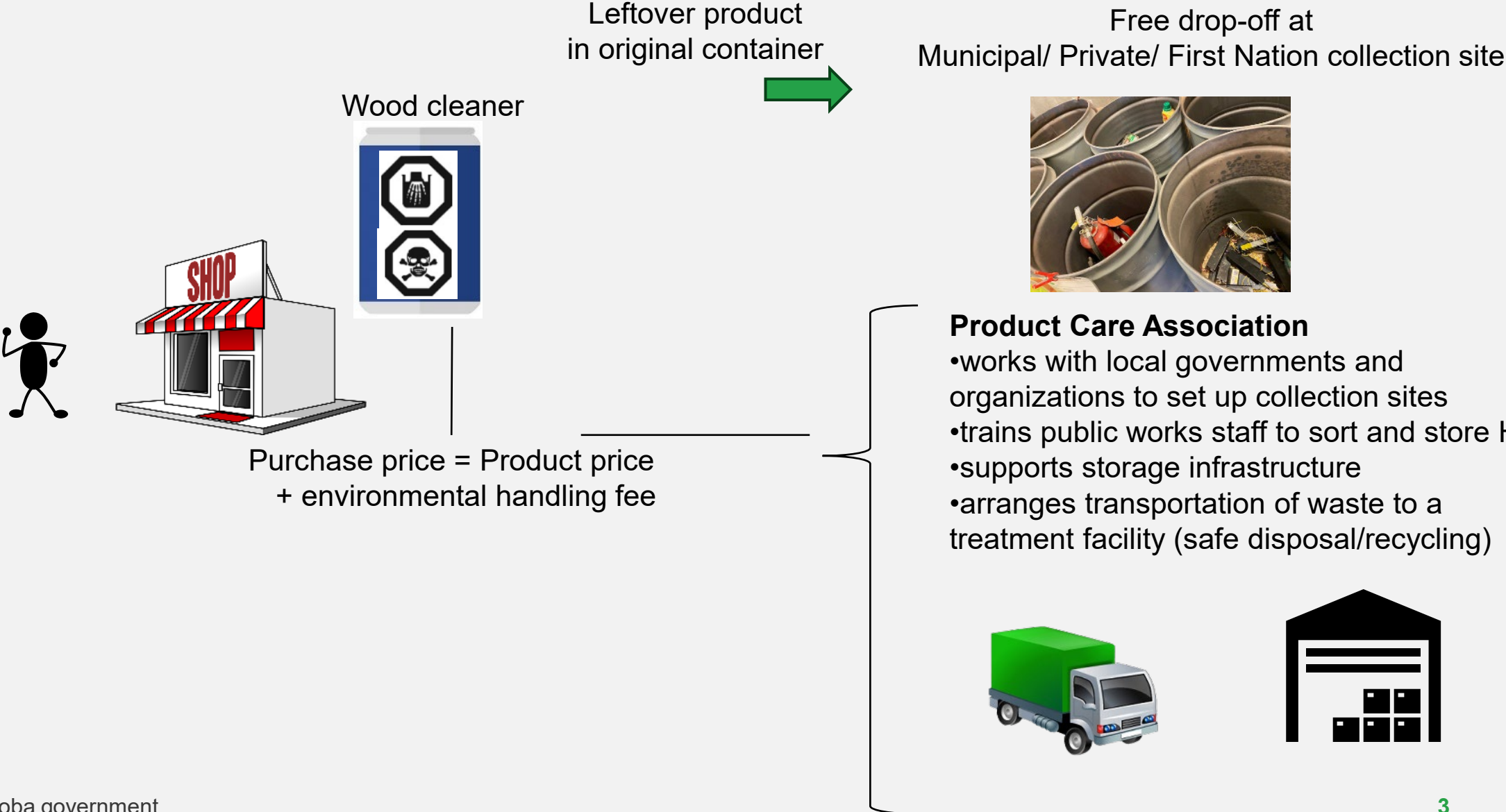
•explosive

e.g. single-use propane cylinder



Product Care Association collects these materials (max 10 litres or 680 grams) as regulated under **The Household Hazardous Materials and Prescribed Materials Stewardship Regulation.**

# Lifecycle of Household Hazardous Materials in an Extended Producer Responsibility Framework



# Regulated (Stewarded) Materials

## Responsible Parties

- Industry stewards and consumers pay for the waste management costs
- Industry stewards or producer responsibility organizations (e.g. Product Care Association) handle the waste management of end-of-life products

## Household hazardous materials:

- Paint
- Fluorescent tube lights and compact fluorescent lights
- Household hazardous waste defined in the CSA Standard Z752-03: Definition of Household Hazardous Waste, including medical sharps and materials with toxic metals
- Pesticides
- Batteries
- Pharmaceuticals and natural health products
- Automotive antifreeze
  
- Full list available at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/wastewise/stewardship-plans.html> or scan the QR code to right



# Non-regulated (non-stewarded) Materials

## Responsible parties

- Some products' waste management is **subsidized** by the Manitoba government. Product Care Association handles the end-of-life management of subsidized products.
- Some products are **not covered** under any provincial waste management program. Local governments/ waste operators are responsible for the waste management of such materials.



## Examples

- Fire extinguishers
- Flammable caulking compounds
- Non-aerosol craft, hobby and automotive paint
- Thermometers and barometers
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Light ballasts
- Fertilizers
- Spray foam insulation tanks
  
- Helium and carbon dioxide cannisters
- Refrigerant rechargers
- Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms
- Animal deterrents with capsaicin (e.g. bear spray)
- Vapes and e-cigarettes



# Regulating more products

- Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is planning to regulate more household hazardous products to protect the environment and reduce costs to municipalities and the province.

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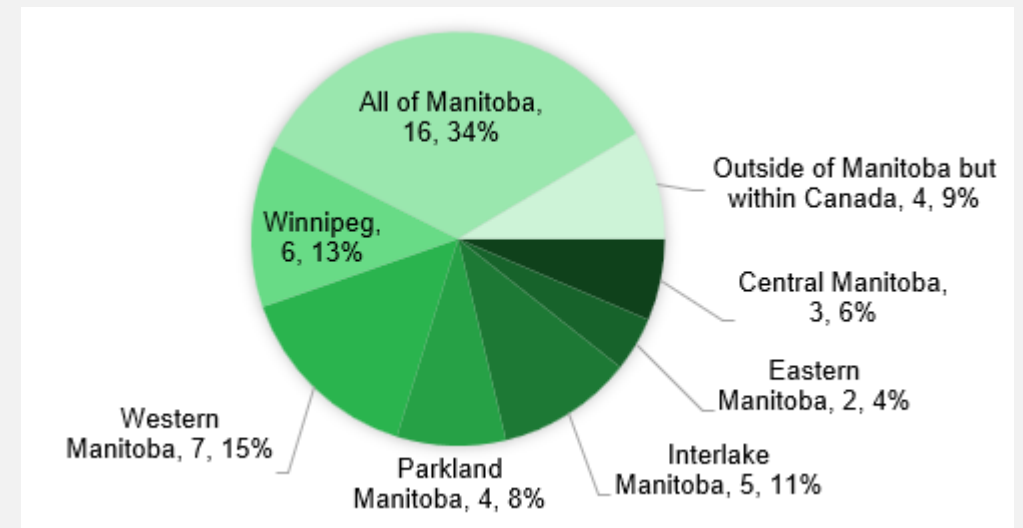
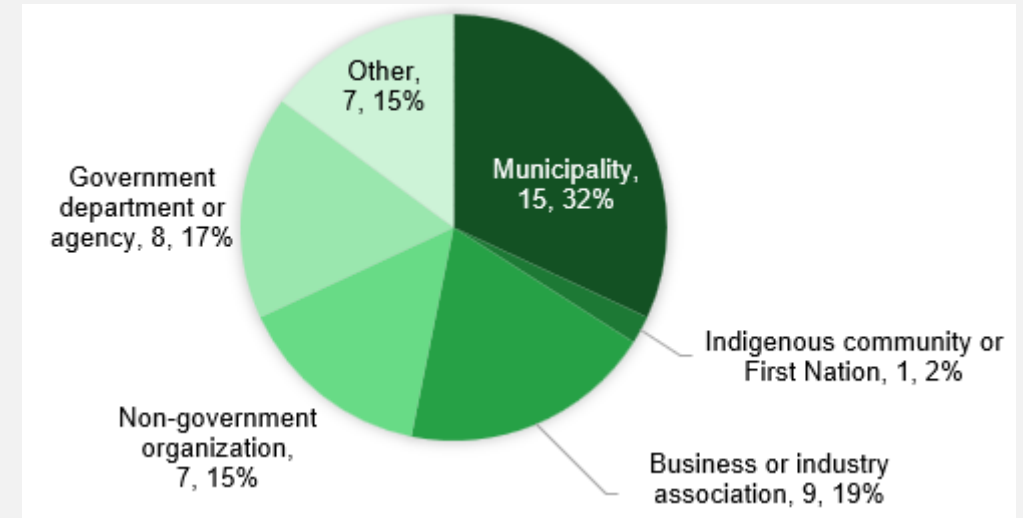


- Regulating more products will:
  - Make more polluters pay for waste diversion programs for the products they supply/use.
  - Divert additional hazardous materials from landfills, protecting environmental and human health.
  - Advance Manitoba's Path to Net Zero by reducing waste, harmonizing regulatory requirements with other jurisdictions, and supporting the province's circular economy.

# Partner Consultation

- Manitoba Environment and Climate Change ran a survey from April 29 to May 26, 2025 to:
  - Gather diverse perspectives to identify additional material categories that could be regulated for industry-funded waste diversion programs
  - Understand why some materials should or should not be added to the Regulation
  - Learn what other changes the department could consider making to the Regulation

- 209 representatives invited to participate in the survey
  - 47 responded to the survey
  - 9 submitted written feedback



# Recap

- Industry stewards or producer responsibility organizations manage provincially-approved collection programs for regulated (stewarded) materials in Manitoba. Product Care Association manages most types of HHW in the province.
- Industry stewards and consumers (polluters) pay for the waste management of regulated household hazardous products.
- Provincial and local governments pay for the waste management of non-regulated (non-stewarded) products.
- Manitoba Environment and Climate Change is planning to regulate more household hazardous products to protect environmental and human health and reduce costs to municipalities and the province. Survey results to be published!

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