

Québec Residual Materials Management Policy – 2011–2015 Action Plan

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Strategy 1: Maintain the 4R-D hierarchy		
1. In order to ensure that the EQA is clear on the priority given to residual materials management operations of greatest benefit to the environment and sustainable development, the government will review the definition of reclamation and prioritize residual materials management methods. ¹	Amendment to the EQA	2011
2. The government will adopt a regulation setting out recognition criteria for residual material reclamation activities in order to make it easier to select reclamation technologies.	Regulation	2012
Strategy 2: Prevent and reduce the production of residual materials		
3. The government will evaluate the results of implementing a voluntary code of best practices on the use of shopping bags in 2012 and will take the appropriate actions. Moreover, it will seek to sign other agreements with businesses to have them commit to reducing packaging and limiting the use of less commonly recycled materials like polystyrene.	Report Memoranda of understanding	2012
4. In the first 12 months after the Policy has been adopted, the government will bring together various stakeholders to discuss the mechanisms to put in place in order to further reduce materials at the source and increase reuse.	Reduction and Reuse Issue Table	2011
5. In the next five years, the government will set aside \$10 million for a funding program to encourage social economy enterprises specialized in residual materials management, notably reduction and reuse.	Program	2011
6. In the next five years, \$1 million will be set aside to fund public education and awareness projects on reduction at the source and reuse.	Program	2011
7. By the end of 2012, the government will implement measures fostering reduction at the source and reuse as part of the Administrative Policy for an Ecoresponsible Government.	Measures	2012

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8. By the end of 2012, the government will examine the repercussions of economic and tax measures that would encourage extending the useful life of products and discourage the use of products with short product life cycles.	Report	2012
9. Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs will educate companies requesting authorization about reduction at the source and maintaining the hierarchy of residual materials management methods.	Awareness tools	2011
Strategy 3: Discourage and monitor disposal		
10. The government will increase the charges payable for the disposal of residual materials to fund the measures of this action plan. A new temporary fee of \$9.50 per ton will be charged for a period of five years.	Amendment to RRCPDRM ²	Ongoing
11. The government will continue implementing its program for the systematic inspection of residual material disposal sites.	Program	Ongoing
12. The government will require all operators to cover management costs once disposal sites are closed.	Regulation	2012
Strategy 4: Ban the disposal of organic material		
13. The government will ban disposal of paper and cardboard by no later than 2013 and extend the ban to wood by no later than 2014.	Amendment to RRLIRM ³	2013 2014
14. In 2011, the government will draw up a strategy to ban the disposal of organic putrescible waste by 2020.	Strategy	2012
15. The government will continue implementing the program for processing organic matter using biomethanation and composting to pave the way for projects valued at an estimated \$650 million. ⁴	Program	Ongoing
16. In a new RMMP ⁵ compliance framework, the government will incorporate a criterion on the spreading of fertilizing waste materials.	Guidelines	2011
17. The government will adopt a regulation requiring operators of organic matter treatment facilities to provide financial guarantees.	Regulation	2011

2. Regulation respecting the charges payable for the disposal of residual materials was amended by Order in Council No. 526-2010 on June 23, 2010.

3. Regulation respecting the landfilling and incineration of residual materials.

4. This program was launched when the Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks unveiled the draft policy in November 2009.

5. Residual material management plans.

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Strategy 5: Make producers more responsible		
18. The government will propose a bill for adoption by the National Assembly to regulate how the costs that businesses must pay to compensate for municipal recyclable material recovery and reclamation services are determined, as well as the amount of compensation. ⁶	Amendment to EQA Amendment of RRCMS ⁷	2011
19. The government will assess the advantages and disadvantages of transferring the management of municipal container, packaging, print material and written media recovery and reclamation programs to industry.	Report	2013
20. The government will adopt a regulation to extend producer responsibility to three new product categories (electronic products, batteries, and mercury lamps).	Regulation	2011
21. In 2011, the government will draw up a list of priority products to be included under an extended producer responsibility approach. Every two years, at least two new products will be designated under extended producer responsibility by regulation.	List of priorities	2011
22. Four years after the regulation's effective date, the government will assess its application and review it as needed, particularly with regard to the goals set.	Report	2015
23. By the end of 2012, the government will designate used tires under the extended producer responsibility regulation.	Regulation	2012
Strategy 6: Support regional planning and performance		
24. In 2011, the government will publish guidelines on establishing a compliance framework for residual materials management plans.	Guidelines	2011
25. In the next five years, the government will earmark \$1 million to provide local and regional administrations in Northern Québec with technical and financial assistance to help them manage their residual materials and plan this management.	Technical and financial assistance	Ongoing

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26. The government will assess the various requirements it could introduce in depollution attestations or other regulatory applications to make it easier to meet Policy and action plan objectives.	Attestations, authorizations, permits	Ongoing
27. The government will inform municipalities of the means at their disposal for planning and fostering better residual materials management by the ICI ⁸ and CRD sectors. ⁹	Guide	2011
28. The government will work with its municipal partners to set criteria for redistributing the allocation of charges for residual materials disposal that will go to municipalities based on regional performance.	Modification of redistribution program	2012
29. The government will work with municipal partners to create a municipality performance recognition program.	Program	2012
30. The government will earmark an additional \$20 million to support sorting centers by extending the 2009–2011 Financial Assistance Program for Québec Sorting Centers to 2015, continuing to implement the action plan developed by the joint committee on recyclable materials, and funding projects aimed at developing technologies and markets for materials.	Programs	2011
Strategy 7: Stimulate the performance of ICI and CRD sectors		
31. The government will earmark \$30 million for programs designed to improve recovery of recyclable residual materials generated outside the home (including organic putrescible waste), fund the development of new technologies for reclaiming recovered materials, foster the implementation and modernization of CRD waste processing and recycling facilities, and develop markets.	Programs	2011
32. In the new compliance framework, the government will provide for RMMPs to contain concrete measures to ensure that the residual materials generated by the building segment of the CRD sector are sorted on site or directed to a sorting center, e.g., a requirement in construction, renovation, and demolition permits for work that may generate a significant amount of waste.	Guidelines	2011
33. The government will produce a construction, renovation, and demolition guide that satisfies the requirements of the policy.	Guide	2012

8. Industrial, commercial and institutional.

9. Construction, renovation, and demolition.

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34. By the end of 2012, the government will identify all goods, services and activities it procures or subsidizes that are likely to be subject to environmental requirements on residual materials management.	Report	2012
Strategy 8: Choose the most efficient collection system		
35. The government will continually evaluate the performance of municipal recovery and deposit systems and publish a report on the subject every year.	Report	Once every two years
Strategy 9: Know, inform, raise awareness, and educate		
36. In the next five years, the government will earmark \$3.5 million for studies that foster the life cycle approach to improve residual materials management knowledge.	Studies	Ongoing
37. The government will broaden its knowledge of residual materials management in northern Québec over the next five years.	Report	Ongoing
38. In the next five years, the government will earmark \$3 million for information and awareness activities, including \$1 million to fund public information, awareness, and education campaigns on reduction at the source and reuse.	Communication plan	Ongoing
Strategy 10: Reporting on results		
39. In 2011, the government will issue a regulation that requires businesses that recover or process residual materials to declare to the government the amount of materials they receive and dispatch.	Regulation	2011
40. The government will release information on residual materials management in order to keep the public apprised of the situation as it develops.	Web portal Management and action plan reports Forums	2011 Once every two years Ongoing