

Savings from Minnesota's Electronics EPR Law

This is a producer responsibility bill in which manufacturers pay for collection, transportation and recycling of a market share of covered electronic devices. Under this law, recycling is free for consumers. The program is run by the MN Pollution Control Agency, which collects money through annual payments made by manufacturers.

Performance Targets

A manufacturer's target is set according to the amount of covered electronic devices sold – 60% in the first year and 80% for the second and every subsequent year. Manufacturers who surpass their target earn credits that can be used in future years or sold to other manufacturers. The bill encourages manufacturers to create their own collection and recycling programs by charging higher rates per pound for the companies who do none of their own recycling, though OEMs do not have to file a plan with the State.



Cost Savings for Local Governments

Hennepin County serves a population of more than 1.1 million people. Since 1992, Hennepin has offered a municipal collection program for electronic waste. In May 2007, Minnesota became the fourth state in the country to require an EPR system for e-waste under the Minnesota Electronics Recycling Act. During the **first year**, Hennepin **realized cost savings of more than \$680,000.**

St. Louis County, Minnesota

This county with a population under 200,000 saved approximately \$90,000 during the first year of the program.