



Product Stewardship in Texas

Environmental Services LRC

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Objectives

- What is Product Stewardship?
- Why is it important?
- Current Initiatives - Statewide
- LRC Support for
 - Staff involvement in Texas Product Stewardship Council
 - City Support of Producer Takeback



Product Stewardship

- A principle that directs all participants involved in the life cycle of a product to take shared responsibility for the impacts to human health and the natural environment that result from the production, use, and end-of-life management of the product.
- Currently much of the burden falls on local government for products that present recycling/disposal challenges.

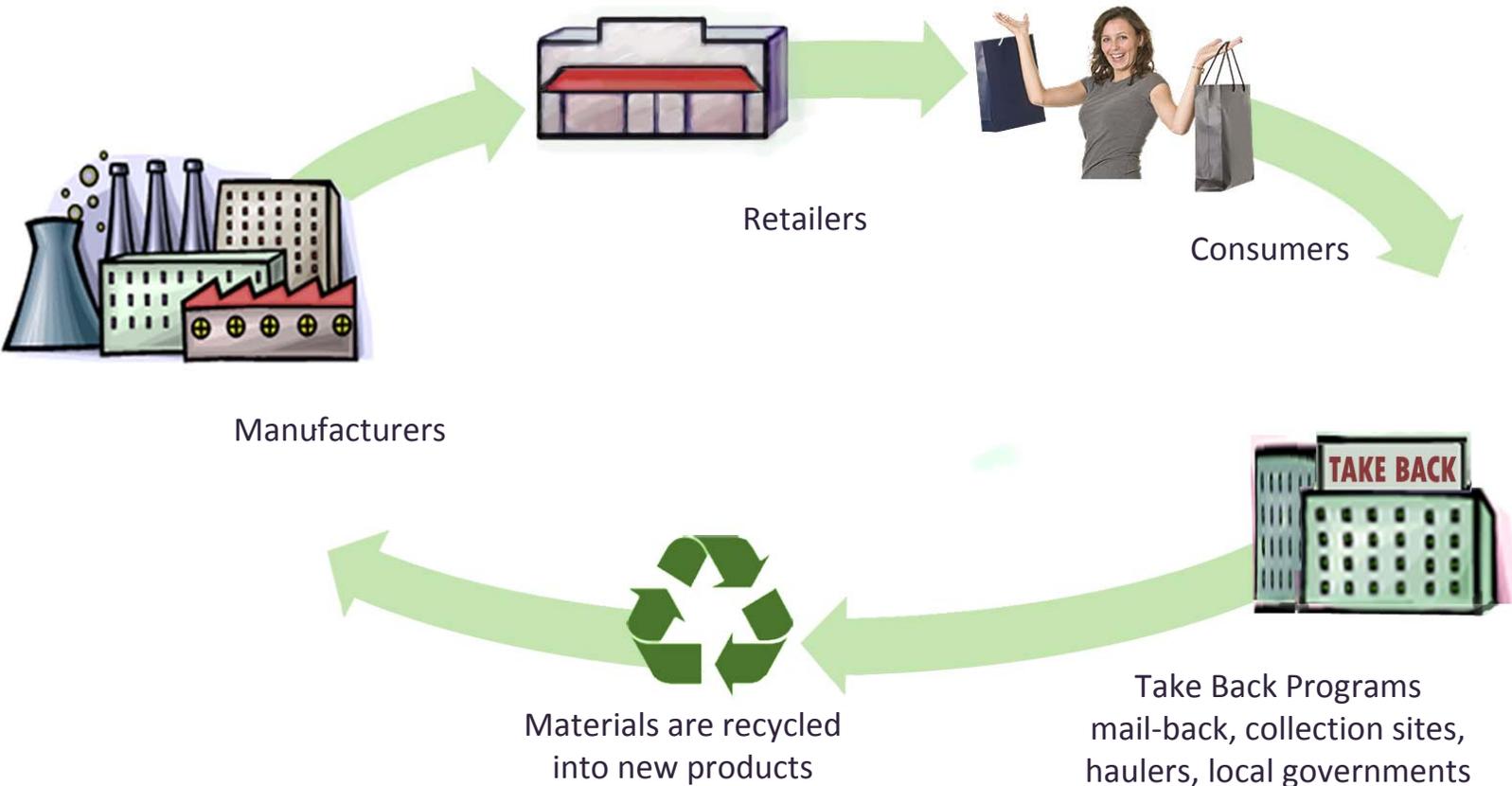


Today's Linear Waste Management System





Tomorrow's "Cradle to Cradle" System





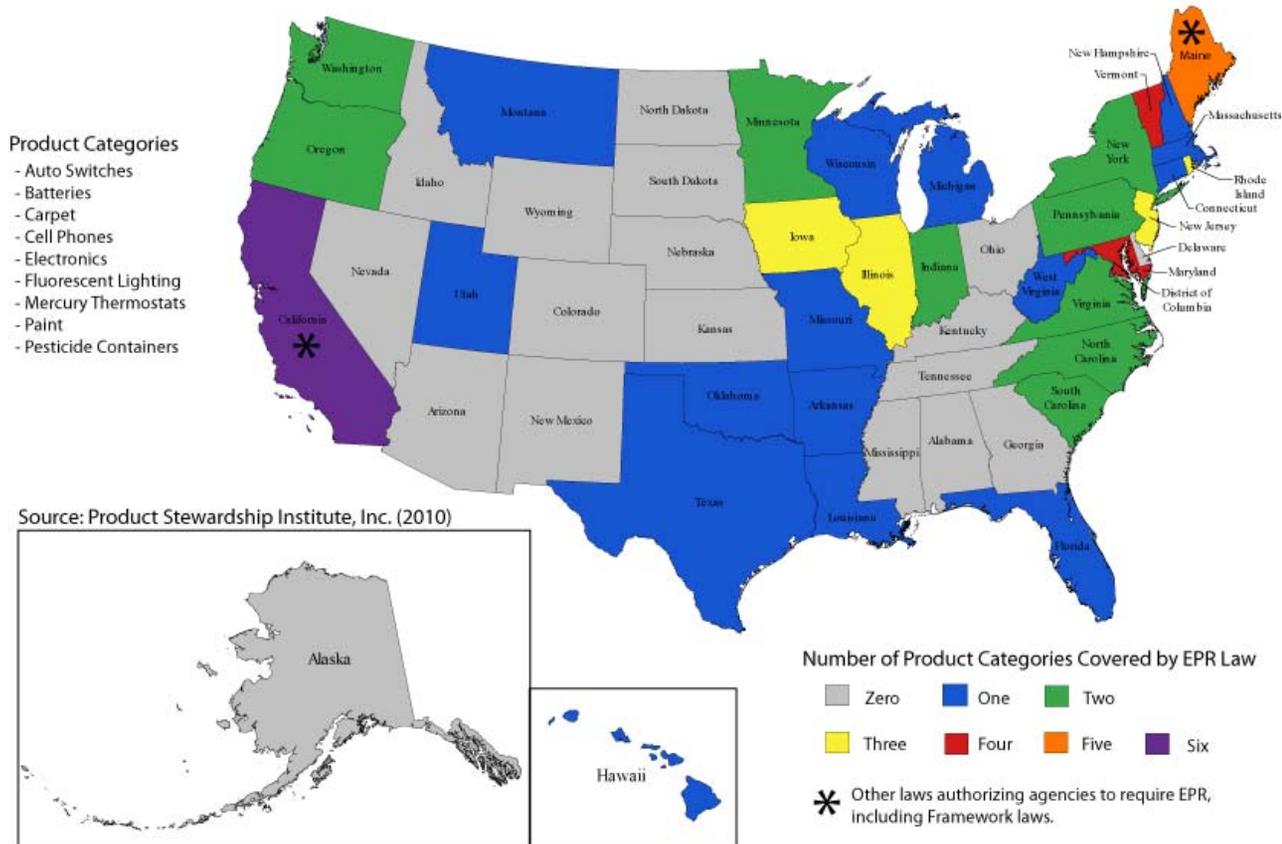
Difficult to Handle Wastes

- Electronic Wastes
 - Computers
 - Televisions
- Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs or Tubes
- Mercury Thermostats
- Pharmaceuticals
- Tires
- Household Hazardous Waste



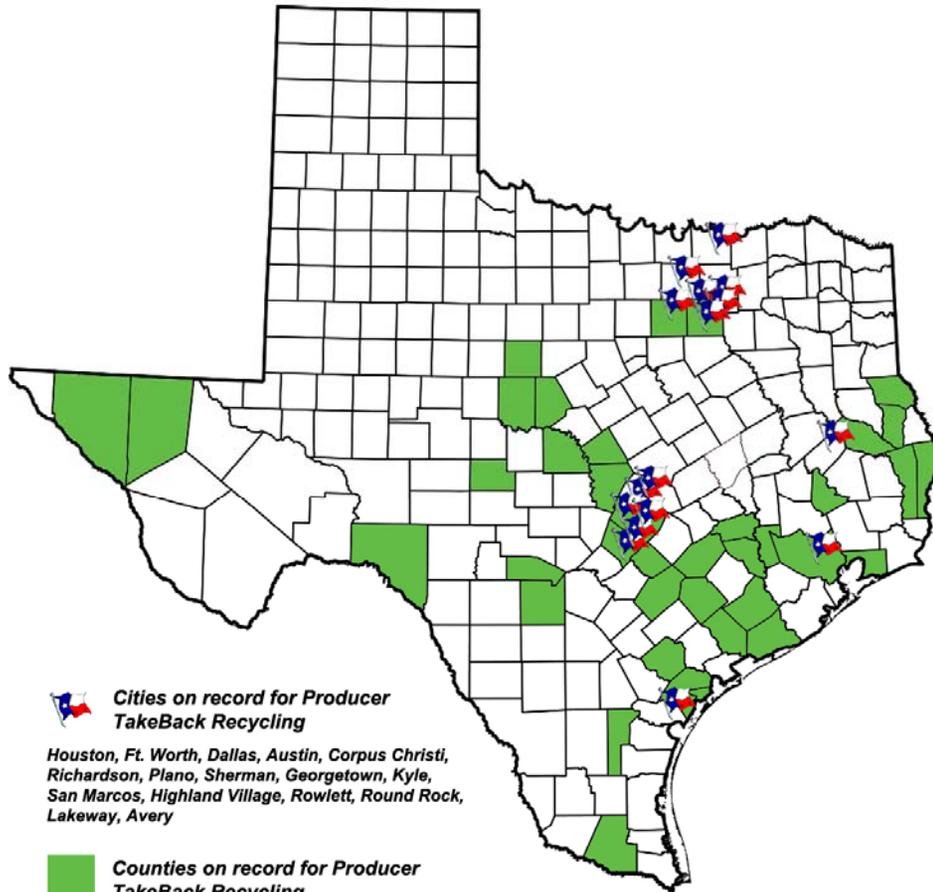
Producer Responsibility Laws

as of December 2010





Current Texas Cities/Counties on Record for Producer TakeBack Recycling



 **Cities on record for Producer TakeBack Recycling**

Houston, Ft. Worth, Dallas, Austin, Corpus Christi, Richardson, Plano, Sherman, Georgetown, Kyle, San Marcos, Highland Village, Rowlett, Round Rock, Lakeway, Avery

 **Counties on record for Producer TakeBack Recycling**

Harris, Travis, Hays, Dallas, Tarrant, Hudspeth, Culberson, Callahan, Coleman, Brown, Menard, Val Verde, Bandera, Medina, San Saba, Lampasas, Burnet, Caldwell, Gonzalez, Fayette, Washington, Lavaca, Austin, Waller, Chambers, Wharton, Jackson, Matagorda, Goliad, Refugio, Aransas, Jim Wells, Hidalgo, San Jacinto, Angelina, San Augustine, Shelby, Jasper, Newton



Initiatives

- **Bills filed in 81st Texas Legislature**
 - Electronic Waste Bills
 - Tweaking legislation & Take back Bills
 - Mercury-Added Thermostat & Lighting Bill
 - Medical Waste Bill
- **Bills filed in 82nd Texas Legislature**
 - Television Take-Back Bills - HB 88 & SB 329
 - Mercury Thermostats HB 695
 - Landfill Disposal Ban for e-waste – HB 821
 - Beverage Container Recycling (Bottle Bill) - Pending



Recommendations

- Support Good Product Stewardship Legislation
- Council Resolution supporting Extended Producer Responsibility
- Continued Staff involvement in Texas Product Stewardship Council