



History

Who We Are

GoRecycle was created in 2021. It finances and manages the recycling of household appliances with more than 500 collection points throughout Quebec.

We are a non-profit organization recognized by RECYC-QUÉBEC and we represent over 170 members, mainly retailers operating over 1000 stores in the province and some distributors and manufacturers. Our members are companies targeted by the EPR regulation of the province of Quebec since 2021.

Legal background

The Rules of Procedure on the recovery and reclamation of products by is one of the regulations governing the extended responsibility of producers (PWR) in Quebec: [Q-2, r. 40.1 - Règlement sur la récupération et la valorisation de produits par les entreprises](#) Available only in French. In 2022 the original legislation was amended by the [Regulation to amend the Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#).

WEEE categories covered

- Refrigerant appliances
 - Fridges
 - Freezers
 - Wine cellars
 - Water dispensers

- Cooling appliances
 - Air conditioners
 - Dehumidifiers

- Major appliance not refrigerant
 - Stoves and ranges
 - Dishwashers
 - Washers
 - Dryers

Members

GoRecycle has currently more than 175 members, representing over 1000 retail stores

Financing system

As of January 1, 2022, ecofees were included in the price of new household appliances in compliance with Quebec's Regulation Respecting the Recovery and Reclamation of

Products by Enterprises. GoRecycle uses these ecofees to finance the implementation of collection and recycling best practices in Quebec. To reduce program costs and the impact on consumers, GoRecycle receives financial support from Recyc-Québec. Ecofees are invisible and vary based on the type of appliance in compliance with government requirements.

Collection system

GoRecycle operates the collection of end-of-life major appliances from public collection points and retailer home collection services. > 450 collection points.

Logistic and treatment partners

GoRecycle operates a collection of end-of-life major appliances from public collection points and retailer home collection services. The units are all recycled in the same province.

Results

Collection of WEEE in 2021: 83K units. About 3266 tons
Collection of WEEE in 2022: 130k units. (waiting for tonnage)

Special features

GoRecycle finances and manages responsibly the recycling of household appliances with more than 450 collection points throughout Quebec. The non-profit organization is recognized by RECYC-QUÉBEC, the provincial authority, for representing retailers, distributors and manufacturers targeted by the regulation.

As this is a provincial regulation and that there are very few manufacturers operating in the province, the obligation of this regulation falls mainly on the first importers of the product within the province, retailers, limiting the capacity to act on ecodesign or any upstream changes with manufacturers.

There is a huge amount of units loss to parallel and illegal markets, mainly metal recyclers, who refuse to comply. To address that, the province just started banning the recycling of refrigerant and climatized units, but inspections are still awaited to show their effect.

GoRecycle's vision is: Valorize all household appliances in Quebec to reduce waste and actively fight climate change.

GoRecycle's mission is "Support household appliance recycling management practices by implementing programs that are both efficient and good for the environment and provide compliance solutions for the industry."

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