



## Maine's E-Waste Program Guidance for Implementing Handling Option 1 under Chapter 415

This document delineates the process for manufacturers to change their preferred “Handling Option” as allowed by Maine DEP Chapter 415, and describes the responsibilities of the consolidators and recyclers when implementing Handling Option 1<sup>1</sup>.

### **Process for changing to Option 1:**

1. Manufacturer negotiates contract with recycler for transportation from the consolidator's handling facility and for recycling of product.
2. Manufacturer notifies Maine DEP as part of annual report due July 1 to exercise change in handling option for next calendar year.
3. Maine DEP notifies all current consolidators immediately, and any newly approved consolidators by December 1.
3. All approved consolidators implement change on January 1.

### **Consolidator and Recycler responsibilities in implementing Handling Option 1 for Manufacturers:**

#### Consolidator performs transportation and handling activities, including:

- Transport from municipal collection centers to consolidator's handling facility;
- Perform accounting (unless have contracted with designated recycler to do this);
- Separate and store all brands to be recycled by designated recycler (different manufacturers' brands may be mixed together);
- Notify manufacturers' designated recycler annually or when have 16,000 pounds ready for shipment (whichever occurs first); the 16,000 pounds can include the product of multiple manufacturers who designate the same recycler;
- **Provide manufacturers' designated recycler with accounting of load (brand and weight of each unit shipped to recycler); and**

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 415, Section 3. Operational standards.

**A. Required consolidator services options.** Each consolidator shall offer a manufacturer the following handling options:

- (1) The consolidator separates manufacturer's product and informs the manufacturer annually or when a 40-foot truckload of the manufacturer's product is available, whichever occurs first, for manufacturer shipment to a qualified recycling and dismantling facility as contracted by the manufacturer, plus the consolidator bills the manufacturer for the management of its share of orphan products and handling costs associated with the manufacturer's product.

- Invoice manufacturer(s) for handling for option 1 manufacturers and transportation to consolidator's handling facility in accordance with cost schedule approved by Maine DEP.

Manufacturers' contracted recycler performs:

- Loading and transport from the consolidator's handling facility to the recycling facility;
- Perform recycling; and
- Invoice manufacturer(s) for transportation from the consolidator's handling facility, and recycling for costs as set in contracts negotiated outside of Maine E-Waste Program processes and responsibilities.

**For each unit managed, a manufacturer will receive invoices from both the consolidator and the manufacturer's designated recycler with charges for the work each performs.**

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