

Compliance Information for Manufacturers of Gas Cylinders

In 2022, Connecticut became the first state in the nation to pass an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) bill for gas cylinders. This law obligates manufacturers of certain gas cylinders to establish and finance a collection and recycling program for these gas cylinders generated in Connecticut. Manufacturers must submit a plan to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on how they intend to provide for the free and convenient statewide collection of gas cylinders.

[AN ACT CONCERNING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY FOR CERTAIN GAS CYLINDERS.](#)

[AN ACT CONCERNING THE GAS CYLINDER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.](#)

Key Deadlines

January 1, 2023

Each producer or such producer's designee, including, but not limited to, a gas cylinder stewardship organization, shall notify the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, in writing, that the producer will act individually or jointly with other producers to submit a stewardship plan to the commissioner for the establishment of a state-wide gas cylinder stewardship program.

July 1, 2023

Stewardship plans are due to the commissioner.

October 1, 2024

All manufacturers must be a part of an approved stewardship plan.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What types of gas cylinders are included under the law?

A. A gas cylinder includes any nonrefillable or refillable cylinder supplied to a consumer for personal, family or household use with flammable pressurized gas, helium or carbon dioxide, of any size greater than a water capacity of one-half pound but not exceeding any cylinder with a water capacity of fifty pounds, including, but not limited to, seamless cylinders and tubes, welded cylinders and insulated cylinders intended to contain helium, carbon dioxide or flammable materials such as propane, butane or other flammable compressed gases. A gas cylinder does not include any cylinder, tube or container intended to deliver a product that is not a compressed gas, any medical or industrial-grade cylinder or any cylinder that is used by any medical facility or commercial enterprise or that contains oxygen, refrigerants, acetylene, hydrogen, ethylene, or foam adhesives.

Q. Who is obligated under the law?

A. Producers of designated gas cylinders are obligated to join a gas cylinder stewardship organization or establish their own stewardship plan. A producer means: (A) Any person who supplies a gas cylinder in the state under the brand of the manufacturer; (B) if there is no person identified as the manufacturer, any person who is not the manufacturer of the cylinder but who is the owner or licensee of a trademark under which the cylinder is supplied in the state, whether or not the trademark is registered; (C) if there is no person identified as the brand owner, then any person who imports any cylinder into the state for supply to a consumer; (D) if there is no person defined as an importer, the retailer who supplies the cylinder to a consumer; or (E) if there is no person described as a retailer then (D), any person who facilitates the supply of a cylinder by: (i) Owning or operating an online marketplace or forum in which the cylinder is listed or advertised for sale, (ii) transmitting or otherwise communicating the offer to sell a cylinder, or (iii) providing for the physical distribution of a cylinder to the consumer, such as by the storage, preparation or shipping of products;

Q. What are the consequences for those manufacturers that do not participate in a stewardship program?

A. Brands of gas cylinders that are not in compliance with the law and do not participate in a stewardship program may not be offered for sale in Connecticut.

Q. Does every gas cylinder manufacturer have to join a stewardship organization?

A. No. Under the law a manufacturer may act alone. A manufacturer may also join with other manufacturers to form a stewardship association. Any manufacturer must notify the department if they are joining a stewardship organization or are acting alone by January 1, 2023.

Q. When is the stewardship plan due?

A. The stewardship plan is due to DEEP by July 1, 2023. The department will review the plans to determine if they meet the requirements of the law. If the department does not approve the plan, the stewardship organization will be notified of any deficiencies. The form for submitting the plan will be posted on this website.

Q. What will have to be included in the plan?

A. The plan will describe:

- how the manufacturer or stewardship organization will provide for free, convenient, and accessible collection of gas cylinders for the residents of Connecticut
- performance goals for the first two years
- how the cylinders will be collected from eligible entities (e.g., municipal transfer stations, campgrounds, and other drop points) and transported to approved processors

- how the recovered materials will be managed
- how the program will promote the collection of discarded gas cylinders
- the public education program

There will be a form for submitting a stewardship plan developed shortly. Monitor this website for updates on the form.