Packaging EPR fee sheet, 2027

US state fees per pound by material, exemptions and the dates that matter, for ecommerce brands

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2027 fee per pound (USD)

Material	Oregon	Colorado	California*	Washington**
Corrugated cardboard (shipping boxes)	$0.02	$0.10	$0.03	$0.005
Kraft paper (paper mailers, packing paper)	$0.02	$0.09	$0.02	$0.005
Paperboard (product cartons)	$0.05	$0.09	$0.02	$0.005
Printed paper (packing slips, inserts)	$0.01	$0.08	n/c	$0.02
PE film (poly mailers, bags, bubble wrap, air pillows)	$0.12	$0.62	$0.53	$0.03
PP film (packing tape, BOPP bags)	$0.56	$0.69	$0.56	$0.03
Paper-majority laminate (kraft bubble mailers)	$0.32	$0.36	$0.17	$0.005
Plastic laminate (poly bubble mailers, pouches)	$0.56	$0.78	$0.54	$0.03
White EPS foam cushioning	$0.59	$1.90	$0.44	$0.01
Glass jars and bottles	$0.00	$0.05	$0.02	$0.002
Steel tins and cans	$0.04	$0.11	$0.02	$0.009
Aluminum cans and tins	-$0.09	$0.05	$0.01	$0.009
PET bottles and jars (clear)	$0.19	$0.18	$0.41	$0.01
HDPE bottles and jugs (natural)	-$0.04	$0.22	$0.39	$0.01

* Proposed until CalRecycle approves CAA's plan; plastic rows include $0.29/lb plastic component fees.
** Early fees. n/c = not covered. Minnesota, Maryland and Maine do not bill yet.

Where each state stands

State	Status	Exempt if
Oregon	Live, fees since July 2025	Under $5M gross revenue, or under 1 metric ton of covered products into Oregon
Colorado	Live, dues since January 2026	Under about $5M revenue (adjusted for inflation each July), or under 1 ton into Colorado
California	Registered, early fees billed 2026, program fees from 2027	Under $1M in California sales, but you must apply and stay registered
Washington	Membership required since July 2026, early fees in 2027	Under $5M global revenue, or under 1 ton into Washington
Minnesota	Membership and reporting now, fees from 2029	Under $2M global revenue, or under 1 ton into Minnesota
Maryland	Registration since July 2026, fee dates not set	Under $2M global revenue, or under 1 ton into Maryland
Maine	Not started, no stewardship organization yet	Under $2M revenue (rising to $5M for a period after launch), or under 1 ton into Maine

Dates that repeat

May 31 every year: annual supply report to Circular Action Alliance (prior calendar year).
January and July: fee invoices in Oregon, Colorado and California (50% each).
Registration: free with CAA. Late registrants pay back fees with interest.

Worked example

50,000 US orders a year in a 12 × 9 × 4 corrugated box with tape and a packing slip, split by state population, at 2027 rates: **$169 a year** across Oregon, Colorado, California and Washington.

Rates from Circular Action Alliance fee schedules published October 1, 2026; state facts from statutes and agency rules. Checked November 23, 2026. Not legal advice. Full sources, calculator and dataset: eprhq.com/data/packaging-epr-fee-rates/ and eprhq.com/estimator/