

SB 54: Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act

California's Packaging Challenge

Nearly every consumer product comes wrapped in packaging.

Packaging is about 25% of waste landfilled in California.

To address packaging issues producers must reduce how much packaging they use and make sure it gets recycled.

The Most Sweeping Plastic Pollution Reduction Law in US

Senate Bill 54 (SB 54, Allen, Chapter 75, Statutes of 2022) established the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

This law sets the first specific source reduction goals in US history, a critical step to build a circular, reuse economy.

Shifts Packaging Pollution Burden from Consumers to Producers

The legislation shifts the plastic pollution burden from consumers -- who currently pay for landfilling and pollution clean up -- to the plastics industry.

It raises \$5 billion from industry members over 10 years to help cut plastic pollution and support disadvantaged communities hurt most by the damage of plastic waste.



SB 54 Regulatory Requirements

This packaging reform law requires by 2032:



25% of Plastic
Packaging Cut



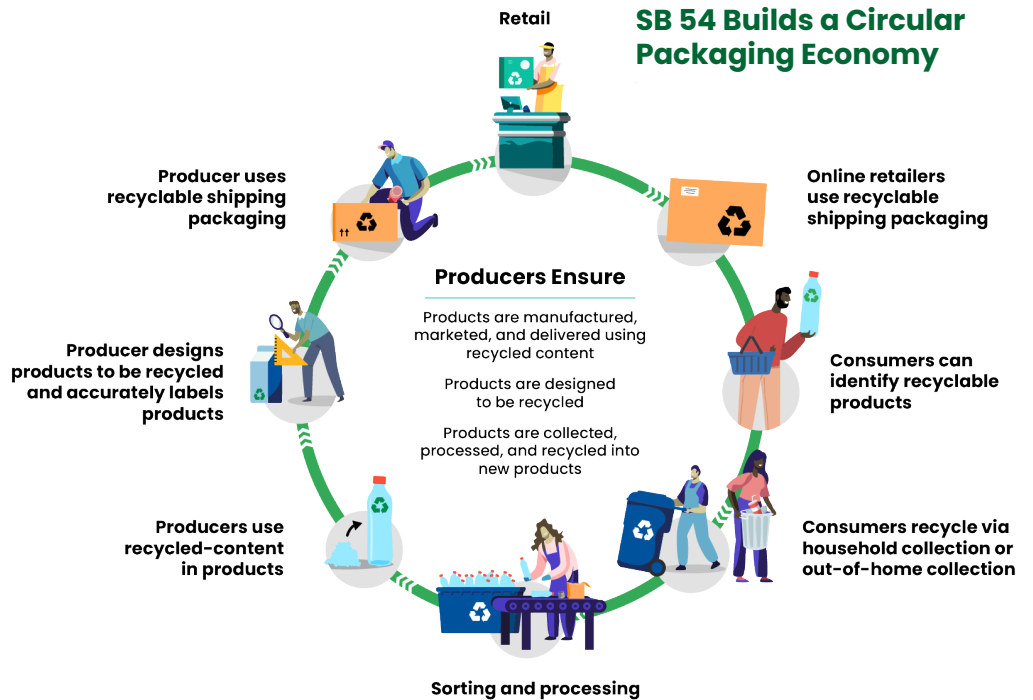
65% of Single-Use
Packaging Recycled



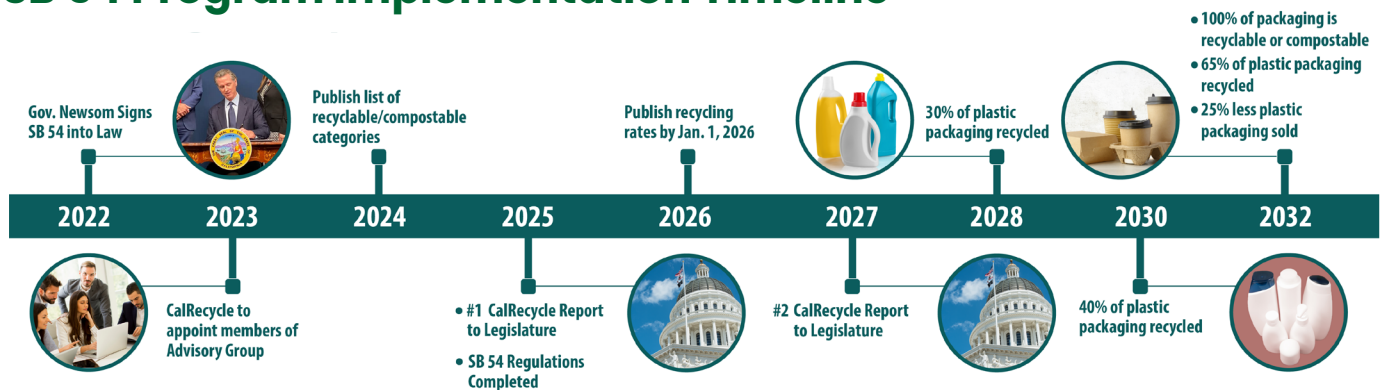
100% Packaging in
California Recyclable

Producers Must Ensure Packaging Sold in California Is Recyclable

The bill directs producers to create a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) and to implement an EPR program in which producers to design, fund, and operate a statewide program that properly collects and recycles or composts their discarded products.



SB 54 Program Implementation Timeline



Producer Responsibility Organization



Creates Program



Increases Recycling



Enrolls Manufacturers



Cuts Trash Pollution in Disadvantaged Communities



Oversees Program



Appoints Advisory Board



Researches Packaging Waste Types



Feedback on Plan and Budget