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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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Chapter 173-905 WAC- Battery Stewardship Program

Department of Ecology (Ecology) is writing rules to clarify definitions, plan requirements, and annual reporting requirements; set the agency fee to cover oversight costs of the program; and establish battery management standards. Other topics Ecology will address with rulemaking include, but are not limited to, setting performance targets and goals, determining local government handling costs, and clarifying battery labeling requirements.

Chapter 70A.555 RCW requires Ecology to adopt rules. This new law creates an Extend Producer Responsibility (EPR) program that will increase opportunity for people to recycle unwanted batteries. Battery stewardship organizations must submit plans to Ecology describing how the program will operate. **Beginning January 1, 2027**, producers selling covered batteries into Washington must participate in an approved battery stewardship plan and fund the program. With this rulemaking, Ecology intends to clarify battery management requirements so that battery stewardship organizations can submit plans that comply with the law.

For more information about this rulemaking, please contact Chris Fredley at batterystewardship@ecy.wa.gov or by phone at 564-233-1615.

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