



PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Whereas, all those involved in a product lifecycle—manufacturers, retailers, users, government, and disposers—should share responsibility for reducing the environmental impacts of products;

Whereas, many consumer products, including, but not limited to batteries, carpet, electronics, mercury-containing products, packaging, paint, tires and vehicles require special end-of-use handling;

Whereas, the existing waste management infrastructure needs help to provide workable and cost-effective solutions, and the costs of recovering and managing these products must be internalized into the costs of producing and selling products;

Whereas, product manufacturers must be encouraged to reduce the environmental footprint of their products by reducing the use of toxic substances, designing for reuse and recyclability, and creating take-back programs;

Whereas, retailers must be encouraged to choose environmentally preferable products and enable consumers to return products for recycling;

Whereas, consumers must consider environmental impacts when making purchasing decisions, must use products safely and efficiently, and recycle products at end-of-use;

Whereas, many states are undertaking cooperative efforts with manufacturers, retailers and others to increase recycling of discarded products and developing take back programs for selected products;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) supports policies that advance product stewardship efforts in Missouri.

Sources:

Environmental Protection Agency – Product Stewardship <http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/stewardship/>

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