



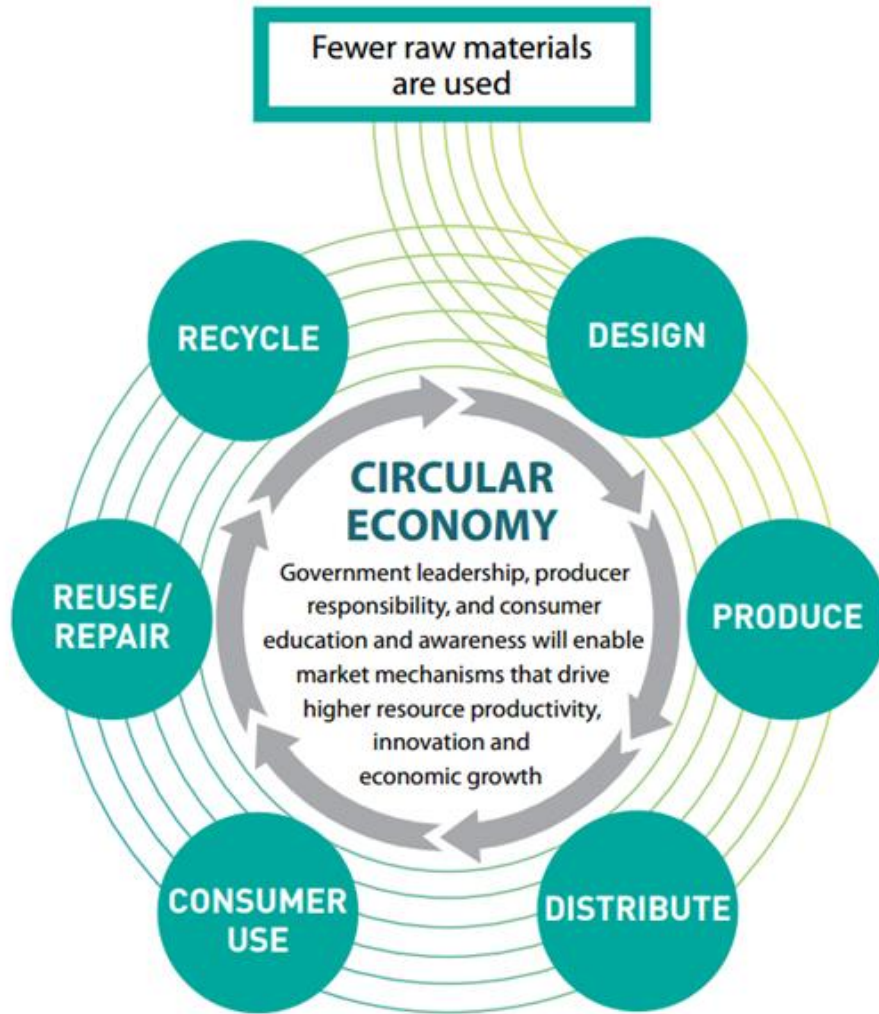
Waste-Free Ontario Framework
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Waste Diversion In Ontario

- Ontario is sending too much waste to landfill and not recycling enough.
 - Waste diversion has stalled at around 25 percent for the last decade.
 - Over eight million tonnes of waste is sent to landfill each year in Ontario.
 - Absolute greenhouse gas emissions from Ontario's waste have risen by 19 per cent between 1990 and 2014 as the amount of waste disposed in landfills has increased.
 - Ontario's landfill capacity is projected to last less than 20 years. Increased diversion is needed to extend the lifespan of existing disposal sites.

Ontario's New Vision



Vision

A circular economy

Goal

Zero waste

Zero GHG emissions

Objectives

- Enhanced provincial direction and oversight
- Increased resource productivity and reduce waste
- Efficient and effective recycling systems
- Sustainable end-markets

Waste-Free Ontario Act

- On November 30, 2016, the Waste-Free Ontario Act came into effect. It enacted the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 and the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016.
- The legislation focuses on full producer responsibility and is part of a resource recovery and waste reduction framework that:
 - Outlines the province's interest in resource recovery and waste reduction and allows the province to issue policy statements to provide direction on the provincial interest.
 - Makes producers responsible for recovering resources and reducing waste from their products and packaging.
 - Overhauled Waste Diversion Ontario into the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority, a strong oversight body with new compliance and enforcement powers that will oversee the new approach and existing waste diversion programs until transition is complete.
 - Requires a strategy that outlines Ontario's vision for a zero waste future and plan to implement the legislation

Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario

- On February 28, the government finalized the Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario.
- The strategy explains the government's vision and contains interim waste diversion goals to help drive and measure our progress to a zero waste Ontario.
- The strategy identifies 15 key actions including:
 - Designating new products and packaging for producer responsibility requirements.
 - Transitioning existing waste diversion programs to the new legislative framework.
 - Amending the 3Rs Regulations
 - Developing a food and organic waste action plan
 - Considering implementing disposal bans to direct recovered materials to end-markets.

