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## Product Stewardship Updates

### **New Resources Educate Medical Professionals and Patients about Safe Drug Disposal**

On May 7, the Product Stewardship Institute (PSI) and New York Product Stewardship Council (NYPSC) released a free [Drug Take-Back Toolkit for Medical Professionals](#). Doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals nationwide will use these materials to educate their peers and their patients about safe drug disposal.



### **PSI Asked to Seek Consensus on Statewide Bag Policy in Massachusetts**

More than 70 cities and towns in Massachusetts now ban plastic bags, and a statewide bill is in play. The state bill does not place a fee on paper and other disposable bags, despite strong evidence that fees are better at encouraging shoppers to bring reusable bags. However, there is political concern that a fee will be perceived negatively as a tax, or harm low income individuals. PSI is working on a model policy for MA and other states dealing with the same issue.



### **Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) Puts Up \$1m to Collect Illegally Dumped Mattresses in California**

MRC will pay California local governments, solid waste facilities, and solid waste operations that collect illegally dumped mattresses for data identifying the location of dumping activities. These entities can [register](#) with MRC to receive compensation up to \$15 per unit.



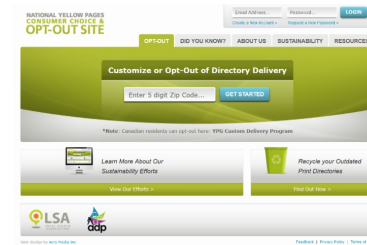
## LightRecycle Washington Reached 110% of 2017 Goal -- Now it's Time to Raise the Bar

In 2017, LightRecycle Washington recycled 1,317,790 million mercury-containing bulbs. This success demonstrates the great need for bulb take-back programs. But how much more would be collected under a stronger EPR law?



## Last Chance to Voice Your Opinion: Is the Phone Book Industry's Opt-Out Website Doing its Job?

We're reporting on the effectiveness of the phone book industry's opt-out website, [YellowPagesOptOut.com](http://YellowPagesOptOut.com). Will you add your voice?



Take the 1-minute survey

## Events & Webinars

- **Free webinar: Make Every Drop Count: Global Best Practices in Used Motor Oil Stewardship** | Product Stewardship Institute | May 25 | 11 am - 12:30 pm ET / 5 - 6:30 pm CEST | [Register](#)
- **Free webinar: Global Best Practices for Drug Take-Back Programs** | Product Stewardship Institute | June 7 | 11 am - 12:30 pm ET / 5 - 6:30 pm CEST | [Register](#)
- **Free webinar: Exploring TreadWright and Tire Sustainability** | Product Stewardship Institute | June 12 | 1pm - 2:30pm ET | [Register](#)
- **Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) Conference** | WSRA | May 20-23 | Blaine, WA | [Register](#)
- **Strive For Sustainability Solid Waste & Recycling Conference** | Federation of NY Solid Waste Associations | May 20-23 | Bolton Landing, NY | [Register](#)
- **Sustainability Summit** | The Economist | June 5 | Chicago, IL | [Register](#)
- **RCBC 2018 -- Rethink: A World Without Waste** | Recycling Council of British Columbia | May 30 - June 1 | Whistler, BC | [Register](#)
- **Sustainable Oregon Conference** | Association of Oregon Recyclers (AOR) | June 13-15 | Eugene, OR | [Register](#)
- **National Hazardous Materials Management Association (NAHMMA) Conference** | NAHMMA | August 27- 31 | Portland, ME | [Register](#)

## PSI in the News

- [Free Webinar: Exploring TreadWright and Tire Sustainability](#) | Tire Review | April 27
- [TreadWright's Anthony Showen to headline tire sustainability webinar](#) | Tire Business | April 27
- [Pharmaceutical companies, activists battle over cost, effectiveness of opioid takebacks](#) | The Washington Times | April 26
- [Treadwright CEO Will Lead Free Webinar on Tire Sustainability](#) | Modern Tire Dealer | April 26
- [Industry should embrace talk of benefits, responsibility of plastics](#) | Plastics news | April 19
- [Awash in Unused Medications, with No Good Place to Put Them](#) | Undark | April 16
- [How Product Stewardship Impacts EHSQ Performance](#) | EtQ | April 13
- [Industry must share burden to reduce plastic pollution](#) | Plastics News | April 5

## What We're Reading

- [13% recycling of lead acid batteries in Nigeria too low](#) | Business Day | May 12
- [Mandatory packaging policies delayed in California](#) | Resource Recycling | May 8
- [China halts all US scrap imports for 1 month in surprise move](#) | Waste Dive | May 4

- [Rethinking the future of plastics](#) | Financial Express | May 4
- [EUROPEN: The state of packaging policy in Europe](#) | Greener Package | May 3
- [ETRMA: European nations recycling 94% of used tires](#) | Tire Business | May 2
- [Calgary report suggests custom waste fees, EPR push](#) | Solid Waste & Recycling | May 1
- [E-Waste Management In India](#) | Mondaq | April 26
- [Banning Plastic Cannot Solve the Waste Problem](#) | The Quint | April 26
- [Recycling markets hammer Waste Management](#) | Resource Recycling | April 24
- [Break the Battery Hoarder Habit This Spring](#) | Waste Advantage | April 20

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