

# Non-Refillable Pressurized Containers Product Guide for Members

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## Purpose of this Guide

This guide provides an easy one-stop resource for members to access information about non-refillable pressurized fuel containers stewardship programs managed by Product Care Recycling across Canada, including the governing regulation, included/excluded products, Environmental Handling Fees (EHFs), and provincial rules governing the visibility of fees.

This guide is not meant to replace legal advice or provide interpretation of any applicable regulation. For all legal matters, consult a legal professional.

## Definition of Environmental Handling Fee (EHF)

Pressurized containers are typically captured under the broader product categories known as household hazardous waste (HHW) or hazardous and special products (HSP). Product Care's HHW/HSP recycling programs are funded by an EHF applied to the sale or supply of all applicable products according to relevant laws. EHF's vary by product type and by jurisdiction. The EHF's are used to cover program costs, including but not limited to program administration, public education and outreach, and managing the collection, transportation and recycling systems for applicable products.

The EHF is not a government tax nor is it remitted to the government. The EHF is subject to sales tax as it is a part of the price of regulated products. Note: in Saskatchewan the visible fee (EHF) is not subject to provincial sales tax.

EHF's are payable by Product Care members, and it is the decision of the member how to manage this business cost. With regards to the visibility of EHF's on product invoices and receipts, manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers must apply EHF's according to the rules specific to their jurisdiction. Fee visibility requirements are outlined in the relevant sections below per province.



# Québec

The Québec non-refillable pressurized fuel container program launched on June 30th, 2024. The program includes containers used **to hold liquids or gases under pressure** that are to be **used as fuel**, such as but not limited to propane, butane, isobutane or propylene. Lighters and fire starters are excluded products.

All non-refillable pressurized fuel containers sold integrated into device or appliances are included.

## Québec Regulation

The Québec program is created by Product Care Recycling in accordance to the [Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises](#) (Chapter Q-2, r. 40.1).

Section 53.0.17 lists the products covered by the Regulation, (1) non-refillable containers; (2) refillable containers marketed in a territory referred to in section 17; whether used by a residential or an ICI customer base.

The regulation defines pressurized containers as “products covered by this category are containers that hold liquids or gases under pressure that are to be used as fuel, such as propane, butane, isobutane or propylene, except lighters and fire starters.

The category of pressurized fuel containers is composed of the following subcategories, which include the types of products listed therein:

- (1) non-refillable containers,
- (2) refillable containers marketed in a territory referred to in section 17.

Product Care Recycling will **only and exclusively** manage the category 1, **non-refillable pressurized fuel containers (NRFC)**.

# Québec Environmental Handling Fee (EHF) Information

EHFs in Québec are effective as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.



Table 1 – Reporting Product Categories and EHF Rates

PRODUCT CATEGORY	FEE CATEGORY (all fuel types)	EHF per Cylinder
NRFC	1. Containers less than 350 grams	\$0.55
	2. Containers 350 grams or more	\$0.90

**Fee Visibility** – There are restrictions on the display of EHF in Québec. Manufacturers, retailers, and wholesalers are required to internalize the EHF in the product price. However, should a company opt to display the EHF rates visible, they **must**, when selling the product, indicate to the purchaser, by way of a notice, that the EHF amount is used to ensure the recovery and recycling of the product and include the address of a website where information regarding the recovery and recycling program for the product is posted, see section 7 of the regulation “ENVIRONMENT QUALITY — RECOVERY AND RECLAMATION OF PRODUCTS BY ENTERPRISES”.

- **Important Information** Please report sales based on the category definitions below.
- NRFC are commonly referred to as “containers, cylinders, cartridges, canisters” by the public.
- NRFC program includes the sale/supply to all sectors: residential, institutional, industrial, and commercial through all distribution channels.
- Refer to the Multipacks Policy for details on the EHF applied when multiple NRFC are sold in one package.
- Refer to the Integrated Policy for details on the EHF applied when NRFCs are sold integrated into devices/appliances.
- Note that refillable pressurized containers are not part of the program.

Table #2 – Product Categories & Examples of Products

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	EHF per Cylinder
<p>1. Containers less than 350 grams</p>	<p>Includes <b>all non-refillable</b> pressurized fuel containers weighing 350 gram and less.</p>  <p>5.6 oz. / 160 g Source : bernzomatic.com</p> <p>8.8 oz. / 250 g Source : colemancanada.ca</p> <p>8 oz. / 226 g Source : ultracool.ca</p> <p>8 oz. / 227 g Source : canadiantire.ca</p> <p>1 oz. / 28.35 g Source : canadiantire.ca</p>	<p><b>\$0.55</b></p>
<p>2. Containers 350 grams or more</p>	<p>Includes <b>all non-refillable pressurized fuel</b> containers weighing over 350 gram. This category includes also Fuel Hand Torch Cylinders (propane or Map-Pro) suited for a variety of job site projects including soldering large copper pipes, brazing and heat treating.</p>  <p>14.1 oz. / 400 g Source : bernzomatic.com</p> <p>16 oz. / 453 g / 1 lb Source : canadiantire.ca</p>	<p><b>\$0.90</b></p>

**Chronological Image Sources index**

Containers less than 350 grams

[Bernzomatic | 5.6 oz. Butane Cylinder | BF56](#)

[Bonbonne de butane, pag. 4 | Coleman CA \(colemancanada.ca\)](#)

[Ultra Flame 8oz Propane Canister](#)

[Woods Butane Propane Gas Cylinder/Canister, Fuel For Camping Stoves, Lanterns & Heaters, 8-oz | Canadian Tire](#)

[Thermacell Mosquito Repellent Original Refills – 12 Hours | Canadian Tire](#)

Containers 350 grams or more

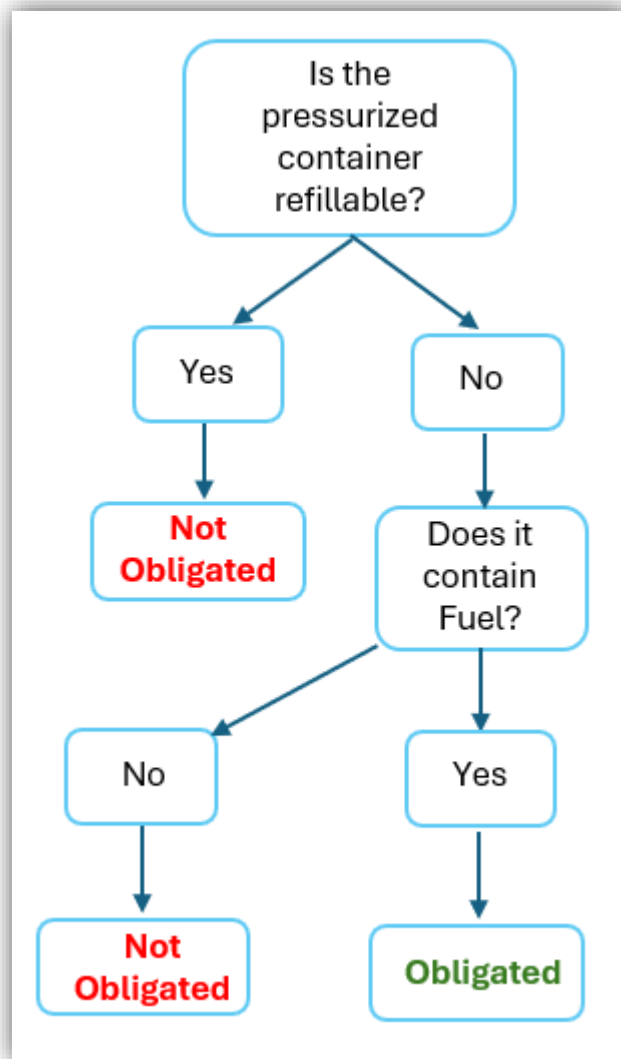
[Coleman Propane Gas Cylinder/Canister, Fuel For Camping Stoves, Lanterns & Heaters, 16-oz | Canadian Tire](#)

[Bernzomatic | 14.1 oz. Propane Hand Torch Cylinder | TX9](#)

[Bernzomatic | 14.1 oz. MAP-Pro® Hand Torch Cylinder | MG9](#)

## Decision Tree

The decision tree shown below assists in determining if products are non-refillable pressurized fuel containers.



## Products excluded from the QC Program

The following products are exempt from EHF's and are not collected as part of the Quebec NRFC program.

- Refillable cylinders such as propane
- Non-fuel pressurized cylinders, containers or canisters
- Lighters
- Fire starters
- Portable helium tanks
- Refrigerants
- Spray-foam insulation cylinders





# Policies

## Multipacks Policy

NRFC EHF's are assessed on a per-unit basis. Where there are multiple NRFC containers in a multi-pak, the EHF's apply to each container in the multi-pak.

Example: a package of 4 (four) non refillable pressurized fuel containers are sold in one multi-pak, the EHF value would be multiplied by 4 to determine the total EHF for the multi-pak.

## Integrated Products Policy

Where an NRFC container is sold in combination with an appliance or device such as a nozzle, apply the EHF value to each NRFC container.

# Contact Information

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