

Reducing the negative impact of plastics on the environment

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Loblaw
Companies
Limited

We believe it is something we can improve



**If we are part of the problem
we can be the solution.**

National recycling is complicated and underperforming



- Embrace full EPR.
- Nova Scotia has a unique opportunity along with other Atlantic provinces to drive change.
- Exciting opportunities for progress.

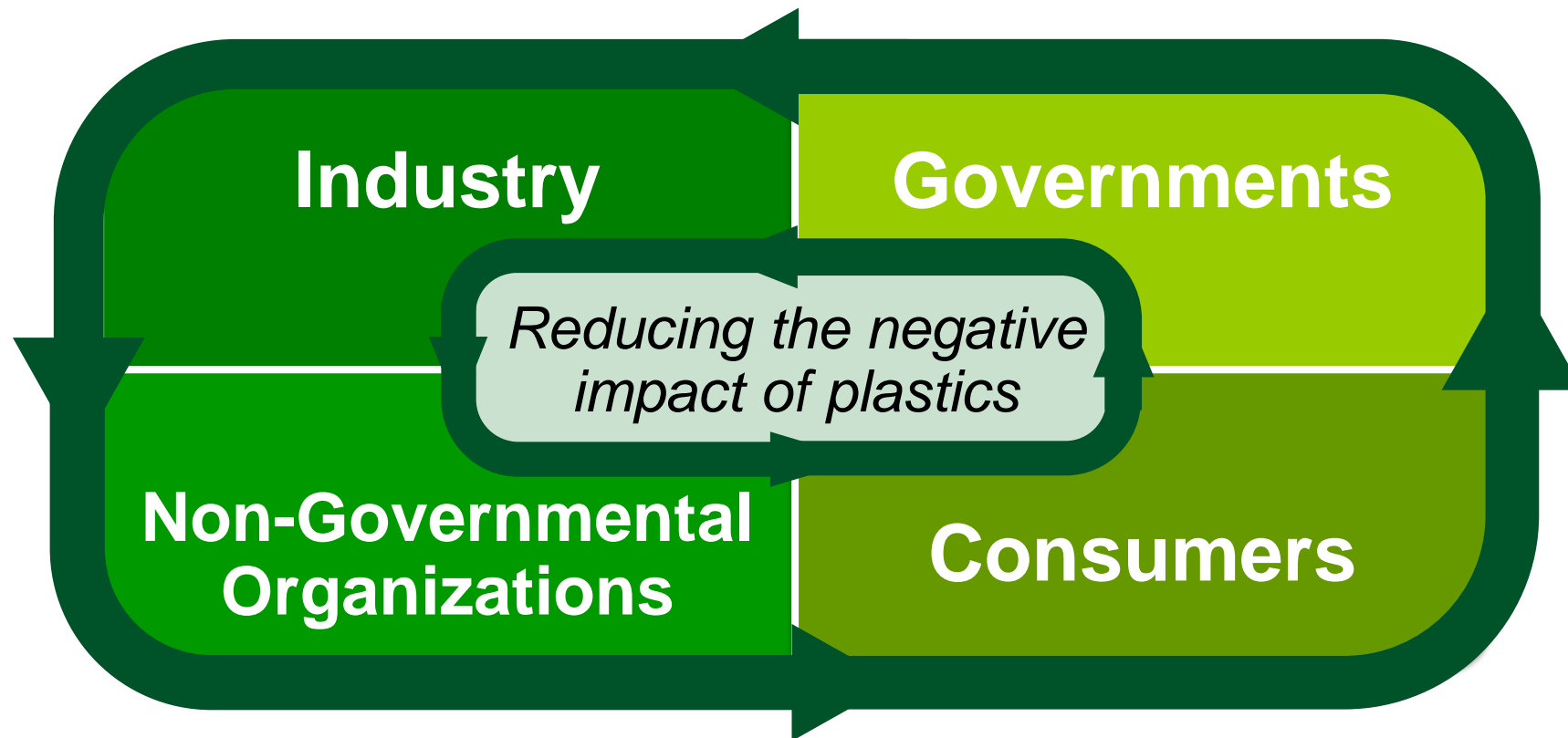
Compostable plastic is complicated



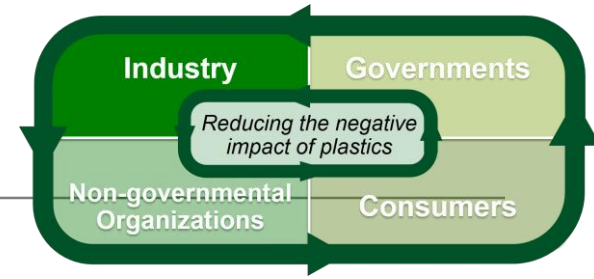
- They require an industrial composting facility to degrade.
- In Canada, municipalities are responsible for the composting infrastructure; and not all currently accept compostable plastics.

Just like the issue; the solution isn't simple

It requires a multi-pronged approach with a long-term commitment rather than a collection of single action items. And, we must take food safety and food waste into account as we develop solutions.



We aren't alone in tackling the problem



Walmart is pursuing a three-pronged strategy:

1. Use less plastic
2. Recycle more
3. Support improvements to the plastic waste reduction system



The Loblaw Plastic Action Plan

Eliminate What We Can, Better Manage What We Use, Invest in Research and Community Clean Ups

↓ Eliminate

Avoid excess packaging, eliminate or replace plastic options

- 40+ initiatives across the store



♻️ Better Manage ♻️

Identify opportunities to extend beyond single-use and better recycling

- 250+ initiatives across the store including the transformation of our mushroom tills and introduction of Loop

Loop



♻️ Community

Funding research on emerging issues like microplastics, shoreline clean ups





By 2025, we are committing to all plastic PC packaging being reusable or recyclable

