

RULES FOR REPORTING - PEAT MOSS AND GROWING MEDIA, INCLUDING PERLITE, VERMICULITE, SOIL, CERAMIC AND COCONUT FIBERS, WOOD CHIPS (SHAVINGS, STRAW, ETC.) AND OTHER - 2026

January 2026

At a glance

Jurisdiction(s)	Quebec		
Reporting			
Frequency	Quarterly		
Reporting start date	July 1, 2023		
Ecofee/levy start date ¹	October 1, 2023		
Ecofee/levy start date ²	April 1, 2024		
Relevant regulations			
Quebec	Regulation respecting the recovery and reclamation of products by enterprises		
Applicable programs			
Package	Yes	What types?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bags <input type="checkbox"/> Containers <input type="checkbox"/> Boxes
Obsolete content	No		
Product	No		

¹ For all peat moss and growing media bags excluding wood chip bags

² For wood chip (shavings, straw) bags only

Overarching principle:

Members are required to report and pay levies/ecofees on all bags supplied into the professional market. Bags supplied into the retail market, or used internally at production facilities, are excluded.

Product line/packaging definition:

For the purpose of this document growing media includes including perlite, vermiculite, soil, ceramic and coconut fibers, wood chip (shavings, straw, etc.) and others.

Bags used for peat moss and growing media are usually LLDPE (linear low density polyethylene).

The following table further identifies the types of peat moss and growing media bags that members are expected to report and remit ecofees on:

Included	Not included
<p>All bags used in professional settings, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horticulture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vegetable or greenhouse production ○ Ornamentals ○ Cannabis • Commercial nurseries • Retail nurseries (aimed at the non-professional market) that produce plants** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bags used inside peat moss or growing media factories • Bags used for domestic use or supplied to urban consumers. • All bags used in the following settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Golf ○ Private gardens ○ Professional landscaping ○ Cities, towns, MRCs, municipalities ○ Retail nurseries (aimed at the non-professional market) that do not produce plants**

**** Each member is responsible for accurate reporting. Members will need to work with nurseries or specialized retailers to determine the percentage of bags sold into professional settings. This will allow the first supplier to establish the number or weight of bags which need to be reported to Cleanfarms.**

Identifying reporting responsibilities

The Responsible Member is responsible for the reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees.

- 1) The first seller into Quebec (as defined by the RRVPE) holds the regulatory obligation and is, by default, responsible for reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees and becomes the Responsible Member.
- 2) In certain circumstances, the first seller may determine that an entity other than the first seller, and usually further along the distribution channel, should be the Responsible Member.
 - a) A written agreement must be in place between the first seller and the entity that is taking on reporting and remitting of levies/ecofees on behalf of the first seller.
 - b) In this situation:
 - i) This entity becomes an Alternative Responsible Member for bags supplied by the first seller to the entity.
 - ii) The first seller becomes a Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member for bags supplied by the first seller to the entity.
- 3) It is possible for a member to be a Responsible or Alternative Responsible Member for some bags and a Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member for other bags.

Reporting Requirements

Reporting period	Responsible or Alternative Responsible Member	Non-Reporting-First Seller-Member
	Mandatory	Mandatory
Jan. 1, 2026 – Dec 31, 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The number and weight (weight of the empty bag) of each bag supplied • Type (e.g., plastic, paper, multi material) of each bag supplied • List of brands supplied* • List of Non-Reporting-First Sellers-Members affiliated with the Member • Copies of written agreements between the Member and Non-Reporting-First Seller-Members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Null report • List of brands supplied* • List of Alternative Responsible Members affiliated with the Member • Copies of written agreements between the Member and the Alternative Responsible Members

* This is a regulatory requirement. Cleanfarms is required to maintain a registry of brand names supplied by its members and provide this list to the *Ministre de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs* annually.

Levies/ecofees - \$0.60/kg

Important clarification – ecofees and reporting requirements on wood chip bags

- Members are required to report the size, weight and quantity of all types (e.g., plastic, paper, multi-material) of wood chip bags in their quarterly reports
- An ecofee (\$0.60/kg) applies to plastic and non-plastic (e.g., paper) wood chip bags

Reporting schedule

Reporting period	Reporting due date
Jan 1, 2026 to Mar 31, 2026	April 30, 2026
April 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026	July 30, 2026
July 1, 2026 to Sept 30, 2026	October 30, 2026
Oct 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026	January 30, 2027

Note: Outstanding reports

New members are required to submit outstanding reports within 15 (fifteen) business days of the registration date (the date the member receives confirmation from Cleanfarms that their membership agreement is complete and accepted) for all reporting periods in which the member had an obligation to report and/or pay fees.

These outstanding reports will generate invoices for all applicable prior reporting periods. Payment is due upon receipt of the invoice for these outstanding reporting periods from Cleanfarms.

Applicable taxes

- Ecofees are subject to the same applicable sales taxes that are applicable to the product the ecofees are applied to.