

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP occurs when all those involved in the life cycle of a product take shared responsibility to reduce health and environmental impacts and gain the most value from a product.



Product Stewards continuously improve efforts at each stage of the life cycle to:

- use the **LEAST** material and energy
- use materials that can be **MANAGED SAFELY** by
 - preventing losses and exposures
 - reducing toxicity and safety hazards
- use processes that are **EFFICIENT** in materials transfer
- capture and **REUSE** and/or **RECOVER** material and energy
 - preferably within the same product life cycle

Every **loss** of material or **inefficient** energy transfer represents a **RISK**:

- depletion of natural resources

- exposure to workers, users, the environment
- contribution to climate change and other ecosystem degradation

OPPORTUNITIES arise for each commercial player in the life cycle of a product to:

- **save money**

- by eliminating wasted materials and energy and the costs to manage waste purchases, storage, transportation, compliance, manpower and time

- **increase loyalty and reputation**

- employees, customers, shareholders and communities want to deal with product stewards who care about their health and environment

- supply chain partners who want to work with a product steward

- **satisfy customers with new services and products**

- by saving customer's money by reducing *their* risks and costs

- by identifying new ways to satisfy needs with products that have good life cycle management

- **MAKE MONEY**

OPPORTUNITIES arise for customers, communities and the environment throughout the life cycle of a product because

- products are more **SUSTAINABLE**
- products better meet **ALL STAKEHOLDER** needs

PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP - because it's the right thing to do!

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