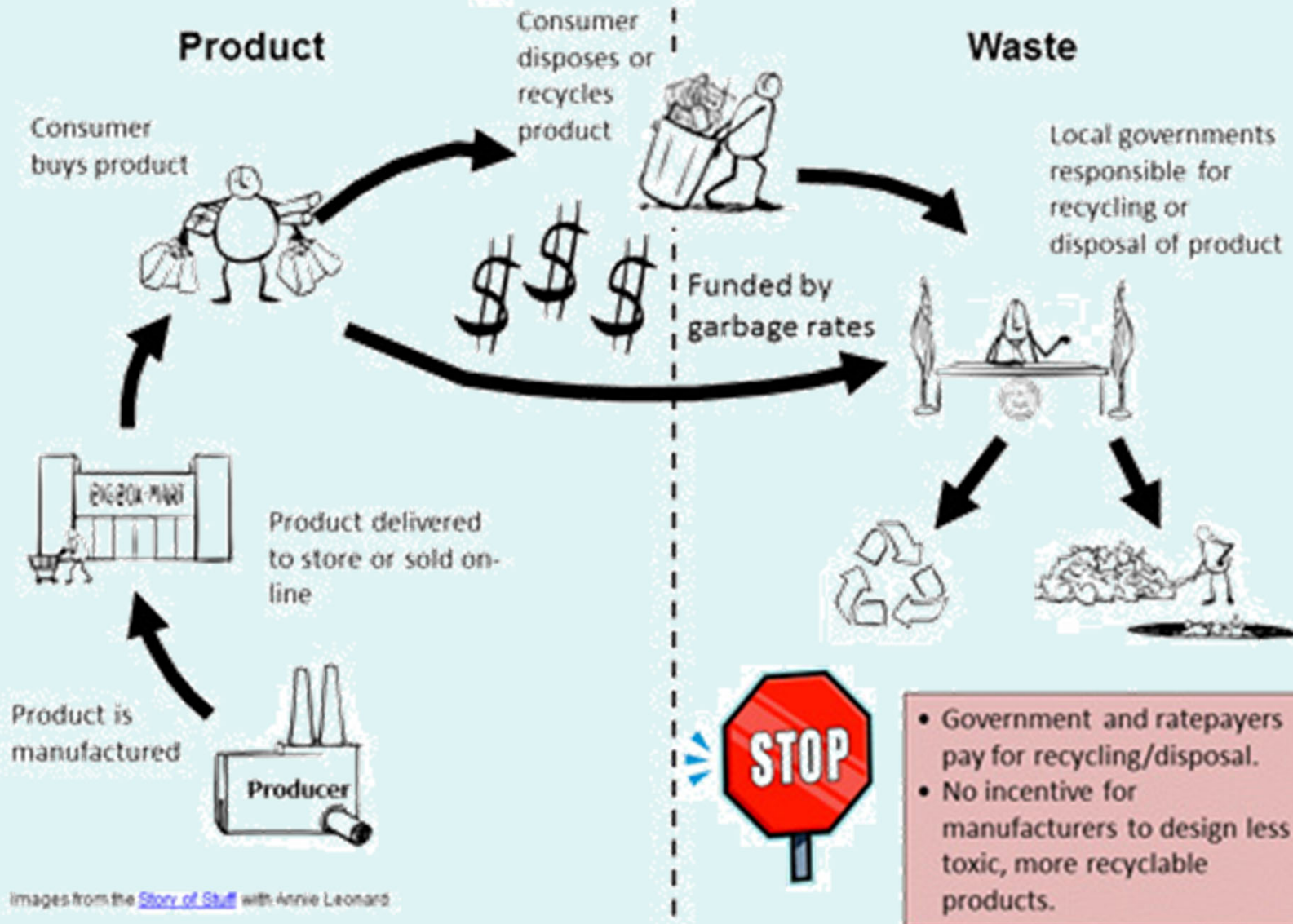


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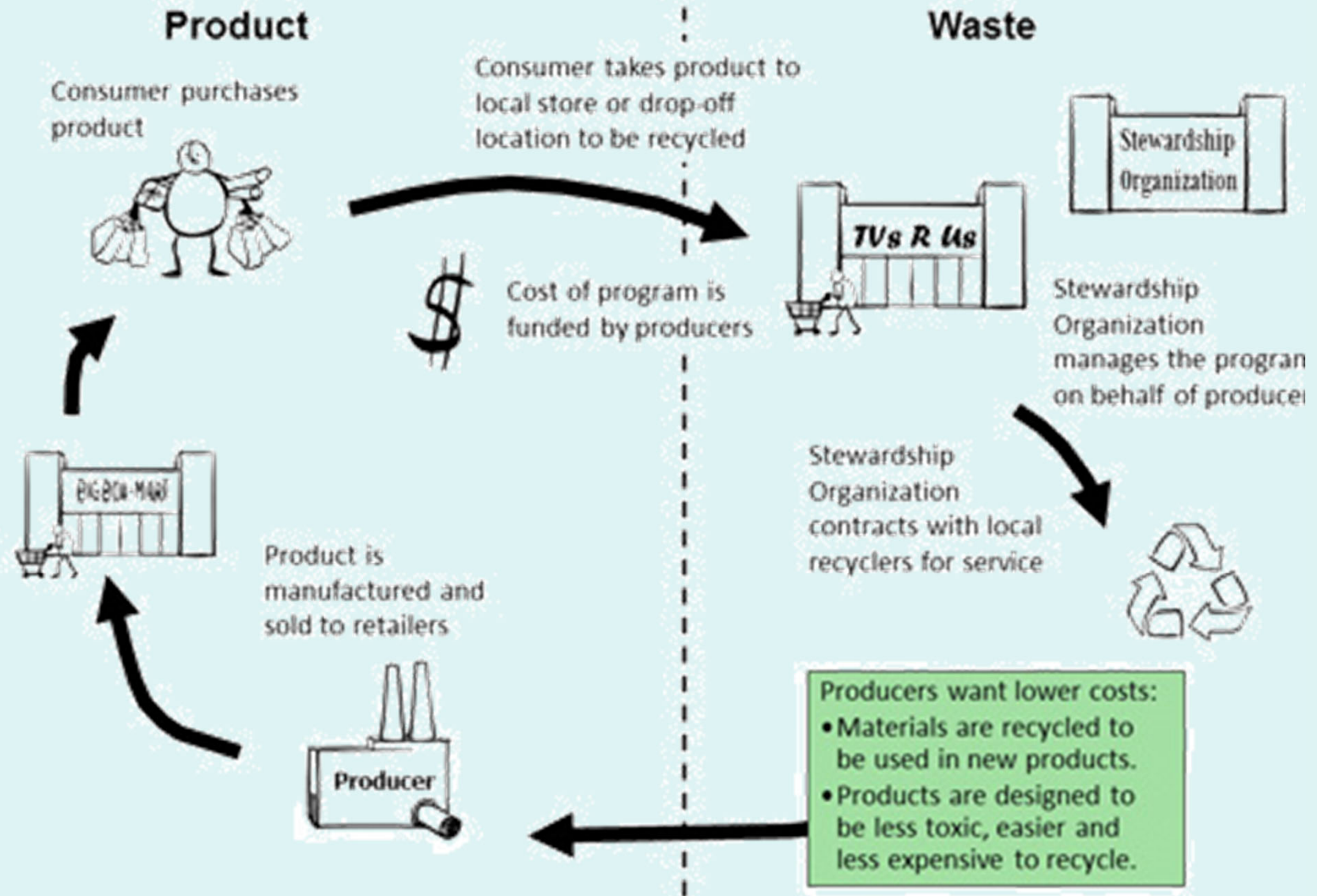


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The act of minimizing health, safety, environmental and social impacts, and maximizing economic benefits of a product and its packaging throughout all lifecycle stages.



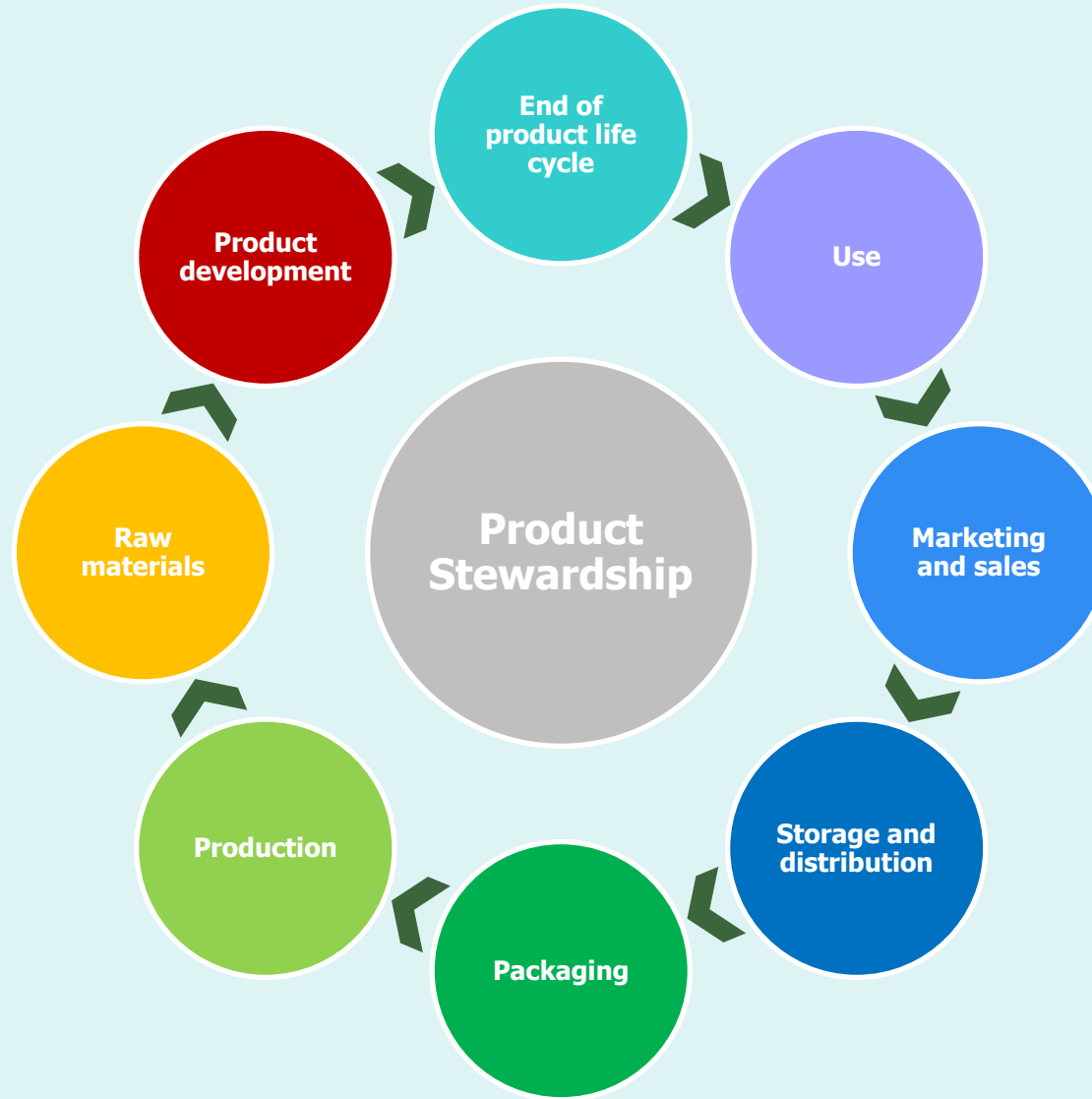
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- The producer of the product has the greatest ability to minimize adverse impacts, but other stakeholders, such as suppliers, retailers, and consumers, also play a role.
- Stewardship can be either voluntary (PS) or required by law (EPR).

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# What is Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

EPR is a mandatory type of product stewardship that includes, at a minimum, the requirement that the producer's responsibility for their product extends to post-consumer management of that product and its packaging.

Two features of EPR policy:

- (1) Shifting financial and management responsibility, with government oversight, upstream to the producer and away from the public sector
- (2) Providing incentives to producers to incorporate environmental considerations into the design of their products and packaging.

