



Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates

Item 8.2

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Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program (MHSW)

- Hazardous Waste Fee Exemption Framework – This proposed new regulation as part of the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act would require the Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority (RPRA) to consider exemptions when setting fees to recover Hazardous Waste program costs.
- Hazardous Waste Digital Reporting Service Modernization – This proposed new regulation directs the RPRA to provide a digital reporting service (including registration, reporting, information management, and related items) to make it easier for the regulated community to track and report information for Ontario's Hazardous Waste program.

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Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) program

- The new Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) Regulation (O. Reg. 522/20) was filed on September 21, 2020
- The current program operated by Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) which will cease operation on December 31, 2020
- Producers of information technology, telecommunications and audio visual (ITTAV) equipment are required to register by November 30, 2020 and their collection and management obligations will begin on January 1, 2021
- OES previously did not operate a program for lighting. Producers of lighting products are required to register by November 30, 2022 and begin their collection and management obligations on January 1, 2023
- There are no registration and reporting requirements for First Nations, municipalities or other EEE collectors under the EEE Regulation.

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Blue Box Program Transition

- Information to be released in Fall 2020 concerning Stewardship Ontario's proposed Blue Box Program Wind-up Plan
- RPRA's release of the final regulation is anticipated in early 2021