



Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates

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- As of today, the final Blue Box program regulation has not been released
- In April 2021, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario wrote to Premier Ford to advocate for the finalization of the Blue Box program regulation
- Hamilton Staff joined the Continuous Improvement Fund's (CIF) Transition Working Groups to help prepare for the transition of the Blue Box Programs. The Working Groups include:
 - Contracts - collection service and other procurement requirements;
 - Post Collection - processing related services;
 - Data Reporting & Monitoring - assist with data management & performance metrics;
 - Communications & Change Management - develop change management requirements and communication strategies; and
 - Fair Compensation - Identify cost analysis & risk assessment of various collections/processing scenarios & clauses.
- CIF and the Working Groups will compile resources to assist municipalities to prepare for the transition of the Blue Box Program.



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Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste Program

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- On April 29, 2021, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) directed Stewardship Ontario (SO) to extend the deadline to wind up the existing Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program from June 30, 2021 to September 30, 2021
- The 3-month extension is based on feedback in response to the proposed Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) regulation issued by the MECP on February 11, 2021
- The proposed HSP regulation is to make producers environmentally accountable and financially responsible for collecting and managing HSP at end-of-life