



Hamilton

Waste-Free Ontario Act Updates

Update on the Blue Box Program Transition

Item 7.1 (b)

Blue Box Program Transition

Background

- O. Reg 391/21 released on June 3, 2021 makes Producers fully responsible for the operation and financial management of the provincial Blue Box program. Highlights of the Regulation include:
 - Creation of a common collection system across the Province
 - Expanded list of acceptable Blue Box materials
 - Providing service for all eligible sources
- On April 14, 2022, O. Reg 391/21 was amended to simplify the Regulation and the requirements for the common collection system
- By July 1, 2022, Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) will finalize the rules for the new producer led Blue Box Program

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Transition Update

- Circular Materials Ontario (a PRO) issued draft Agreements and RFPs for municipalities to become recycling service providers to CMO
- Municipalities will need to determine if they will provide collection operations or operate materials receiving facilities
- Next steps:
 - Staff report to be shared in August 2022 concerning the City's transition
 - The roadmap is being developed to identify all tasks that need to be completed prior to transition in April 2025
 - Staff will continue to participate in inter-municipal working groups concerning the Blue Box program transition

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Eligible Sources



single-family homes



seasonal dwellings



multi-unit residential buildings



public & private schools



specified retirement & long-term care homes



specified public spaces

Ineligible Sources

O. Reg 391/21 does not require collection at:

- Municipal buildings or facilities
- Commercial properties
- Non-residential properties

Municipalities will need to determine the requirements to continue to service ineligible sources after transition

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Timeline

