

Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Sources

Waste Management Division

Blue Box Regulation

- Ontario Blue Box Regulation (O. Reg. 391 / 21) governs the Blue Box Program in Ontario
- January 1, 2026 – transition to provincial Blue Box program complete
- Only residential properties are included in the provincial Blue Box Program
- Non-residential properties (including businesses) are not included and are referred to as non-eligible properties
- Under the Blue Box Regulation, blue box collection at non-eligible properties must either be paid for by municipalities or property owners

Changes to blue box program



Council Decisions

July 16, 2025

- Report PW25046 - fund the first three months of 2026 at an annual cost of \$2.84M
- Approved collection day changes as a cost reduction
- Determine service level moving forward through 2026 budget deliberations

February 6, 2026

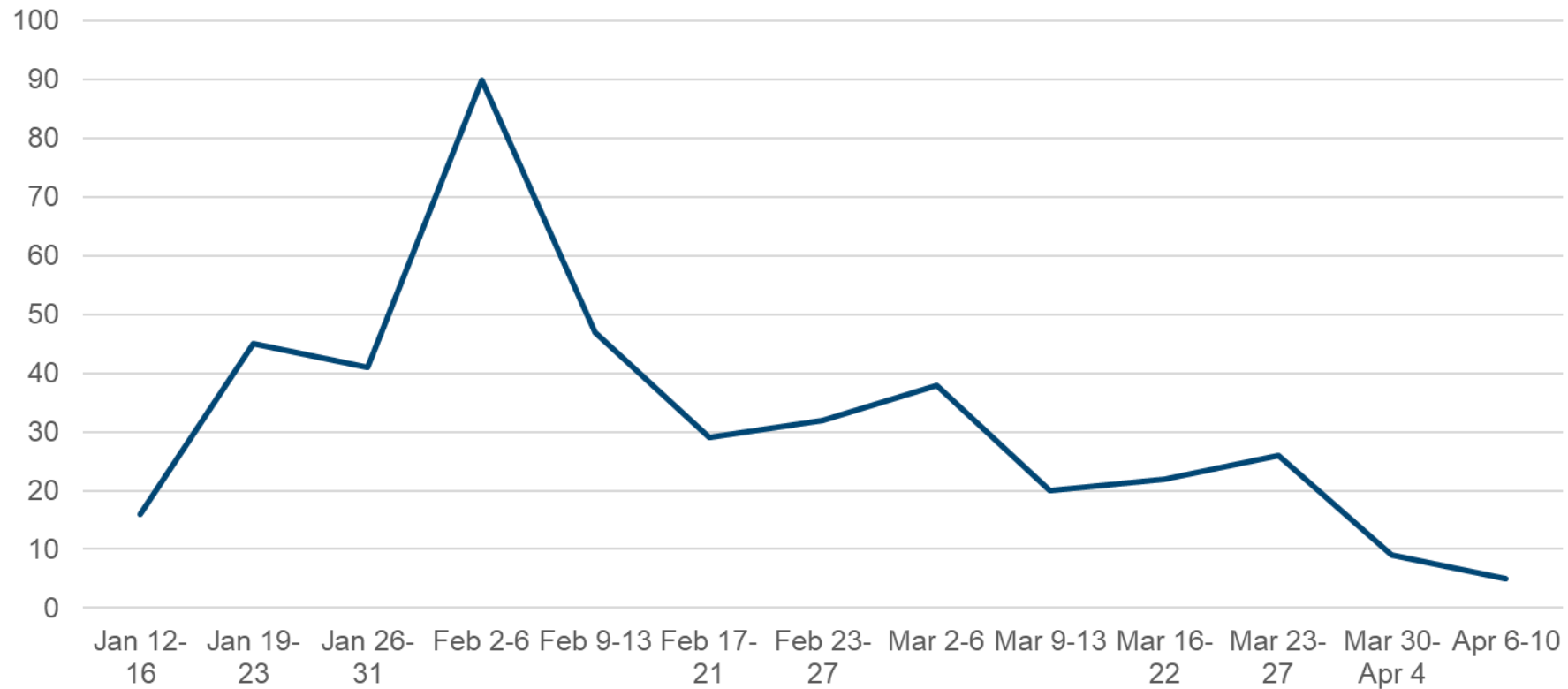
- Motion at General Issues Committee to fund service for remainder of 2026 was passed and approved as part of 2026 budget
- Last day of service will be January 2, 2027 – first day when private recycling will be required is January 4, 2027

Transition Challenges

- To reduce collection costs, recycling collection days for non-eligible properties was changed
- Collection day changes have been challenging to manage, however this has improved
- List of non-eligible properties being serviced has been updated weekly to reflect properties not originally included
- Staff have visited problematic areas to hand deliver notices to inform of new collection day

Missed Recycling Collection

Weekly Reported Missed Recycling Collection from Non-Eligible Properties

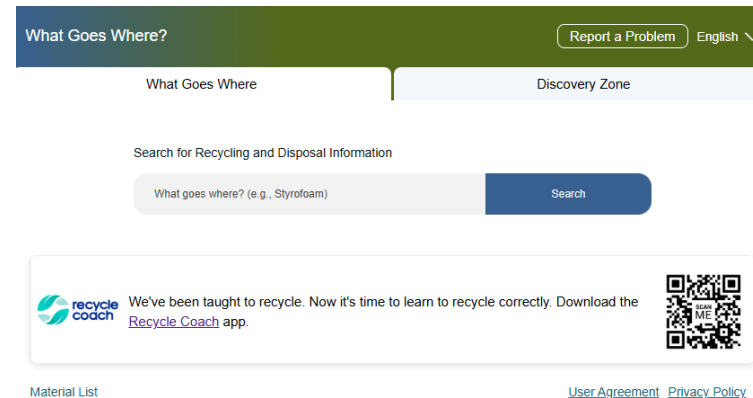


Notification of Upcoming Change

- Notices will be mailed to all non-eligible properties in April, July and November informing properties that recycling collection will cease in 2027 and properties will need to use private recycling services either for drop-off or collection
- Notices will include resources for businesses
- Communication through BIA offices
- Information and graphics will be provided to Councillors that can be shared on social media

Resources

- City of Hamilton business waste webpage has been updated with:
 - Map of service properties with collection days
 - Private collection companies
 - Private transfer station
- What Goes Where tool to assist in sorting recycling
- Information postcards will be provided to Municipal Service Centres and Councillor offices with recycling information for non-eligible properties





Questions?