

Blue Box Transition Schedule: Explanatory Note

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has proposed a producer responsibility regulation for the Blue Box Program.

The proposed regulation under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 would make producers responsible for the Blue Box Program, including meeting regulated outcomes for providing collection services to local communities, managing Blue Box materials, and achieving diversion targets to improve diversion, address plastic waste, and recover resources for use in the economy.

The draft regulation is currently posted for a 45-day consultation period on the province's Environmental and Regulatory Registries (<https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-2579>).

The Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) Datacall indicates that municipalities, unorganized territories and First Nations communities ran 249 local blue box programs in Ontario in 2018 under the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016.

The proposed regulation would transition existing blue box services to producer responsibility in three groups between 2023 and 2025 according to a "Blue Box Transition Schedule" referenced in the regulation.

The proposed "Blue Box Transition Schedule" (see page 3) identifies eligible municipal programs and the year they are proposed to transition. Producers would be responsible for transitioning communities on or before the dates contained in the schedule.

Please refer to the Environmental and Regulatory Registries linked above for more information on how the Ministry developed the proposed "Blue Box Transition Schedule".

At this time, the proposed "Blue Box Transition Schedule" includes municipalities and unorganized territories with Blue Box Programs in the Datacall with the Authority.

The Ministry will consult on the proposed transition groupings as it works to finalize the regulation, including the best way to determine the specific calendar date for each community's transition.

This will include engagement with First Nation communities to learn more about Blue Box Programs in their communities and assess their preferred dates for transition.

The “Blue Box Transition Schedule” will be updated when the regulation is finalized to include First Nation communities and identify calendar dates for each transitioning program within a given year.

Blue Box Transition Schedule

Eligible Community	Transition Year
Addington Highlands, Township of	2025
Admaston/Bromley, Township of	2025
Alfred and Plantagenet, Township of	2023
Algonquin Highlands, Township of	2024
Armour, Township of	2025
Armstrong, Township of	2025
Arnprior, Town of	2023
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Township of	2025
Assiginack, Township of	2025
Athens, Township of	2025
Atikokan, Township of	2025
Augusta, Township of	2025
Aylmer, Town of	2023
Baldwin, Township of	2025
Bancroft, Town of	2025
Barrie, City of	2024
Bayham, Municipality of	2023
Beckwith, Township of	2023
Billings, Township of	2025
Blind River, Town of	2025
Bluewater Recycling Association	2024
Bonfield, Township of	2025
Bonnechere Valley, Township of	2025
Brant, County of	2025
Brantford, City of	2025
Brockville, City of	2025
Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling	2025
Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Township of	2025
Burk's Falls, Village of	2025
Callander, Municipality of	2025
Calvin, Municipality of	2025
Carleton Place, Town of	2023
Carling, Township of	2025
Carlow Mayo, Township of	2025
Casey, Township of	2025
Casselton, Village of	2023
Central Elgin, Municipality of	2023
Central Frontenac, Township of	2025

Eligible Community	Transition Year
Central Manitoulin, Township of	2025
Charlton and Dack, Municipality of	2025
Chatham-Kent, Municipality of	2024
Chatsworth, Township of	2023
Chisholm, Township of	2025
Clarence-Rockland, City of	2023
Cobalt, Town of	2025
Cochrane, Corporation of the Town of	2025
Coleman, Township of	2025
Conmee, Township of	2024
Cornwall, City of	2025
Deep River, Town of	2025
Deseronto, Town of	2025
Drummond-North Elmsley, Township of	2023
Dryden, City of	2023
Dufferin, County of	2023
Durham, Regional Municipality of	2024
Dutton-Dunwich, Municipality of	2023
Dysart et al, Township of	2024
East Ferris, Municipality of	2025
Edwardsburgh Cardinal, Township of	2025
Elizabethtown-Kitley, Township of	2025
Elliot Lake, City of	2025
Emo, Township of	2025
Englehart, Town of	2025
Enniskillen, Township of	2023
Espanola, Town of	2025
Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority	2024
Evanturel, Township of	2025
Faraday, Township of	2025
Fort Frances, Town of	2025
French River, Municipality of	2025
Front of Yonge, Township of	2025
Frontenac Islands, Township of	2025
Gananoque, Town of	2025
Gauthier, Township of	2025
Georgian Bluffs, Township of	2023
Gillies, Township of	2024
Goulais Local Service Board	2023
Greater Madawaska, Township of	2025
Greater Napanee, Township of	2025
Greater Sudbury, City of	2025
Grey Highlands, Municipality of	2023
Guelph, City of	2025

Eligible Community	Transition Year
Haldimand, County of	2024
Halton, Regional Municipality of	2025
Hamilton, City of	2025
Hanover, Town of	2025
Harley, Township of	2025
Hastings Highlands, Municipality of	2024
Hawkesbury Joint Recycling	2023
Head, Clara and Maria, Townships of	2025
Hearst	2025
Highlands East, Municipality of	2024
Hilliard, Township of	2025
Hilton Beach, Village of	2025
Horton, Township of	2025
Howick, Township of	2024
Hudson, Township of	2025
Huron Shores, Municipality of	2025
James, Township of	2025
Kapuskasing, Town of	2025
Kawartha Lakes, City of	2024
Kearney, Town of	2025
Kenora, City of	2023
Kerns, Township of	2025
Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards, Township of	2025
Killarney, Municipality of	2025
Kingston, City of	2025
Kirkland Lake, Town of	2025
Laird, Township of	2025
Lanark Highlands, Township of	2025
Larder Lake, Township of	2025
Latchford, Town of	2025
Laurentian Hills, Town of	2025
Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Township of	2025
Limerick, Township of	2025
London, City of	2023
Loyalist, Township of	2025
Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of	2025
Machar, Township of	2025
Madawaska Valley, Township of	2025
Magnetawan, Municipality of	2025
Malahide, Township of	2023
Marathon, Town of	2025
Matachewan, The Corporation of the Township of	2025
Mattice-Val Cote, Municipality of	2025
McDougall, Municipality of	2025

Eligible Community	Transition Year
McGarry, Township of	2025
McKellar, Township of	2025
McMurrich/Monteith, Township of	2025
McNab-Braeside, Township of	2023
Meaford, Municipality of	2023
Merrickville-Wolford, Village of	2023
Minden Hills, Township of	2024
Mississippi Mills, Town of	2023
Montague, Township of	2023
Muskoka, District Municipality of	2024
Nairn & Hyman, Township of	2025
Neebing, Municipality of	2024
Newbury, Village of	2023
Niagara, Regional Municipality of	2024
Nipissing, Township of	2025
Norfolk, County of	2024
North Bay, City of	2025
North Dundas, Township of	2025
North Frontenac, Township of	2025
North Glengarry, Township of	2025
North Grenville, Municipality of	2023
North Huron, Township of	2025
North Stormont, Township of	2025
Northeastern Manitoulin & Islands, Town of	2025
Northern Bruce Peninsula, Municipality of	2025
Northumberland, County of	2024
O'Connor, Township of	2024
Oliver Paipooonge, Municipality of	2024
Orillia, City of	2024
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre	2025
Ottawa, City of	2023
Owen Sound, City of	2023
Oxford, Restructured County of	2025
Papineau-Cameron, Township of	2025
Parry Sound, Town of	2025
Peel, Regional Municipality of	2024
Perry, Township of	2025
Perth, Town of	2025
Peterborough, City of	2024
Peterborough, County of	2024
Petrolia, Town of	2023
Plympton-Wyoming, Town of	2023
Powassan, Municipality of	2025
Prescott, Town of	2025

Eligible Community	Transition Year
Prince, Township of	2023
Quinte Waste Solutions	2025
Rainy River, Town of	2025
Red Lake, Municipality of	2023
Renfrew, Town of	2025
Rideau Lakes, Township of	2025
Russell, Township of	2025
Sables-Spanish Rivers, Township of	2025
Sarnia, City of	2023
Sault Ste. Marie, City of	2023
Seguin, Township of	2025
Shuniah, Municipality of	2024
Simcoe, County of	2024
Sioux Lookout, The Corporation of the Municipality of	2025
Sioux Narrows Nestor Falls, Township of	2023
Smiths Falls, Town of	2025
South Dundas, Township of	2025
South Frontenac, Township of	2025
South Glengarry, Township of	2025
South Stormont, Township of	2025
Southgate, Township of	2023
Southwest Middlesex, Municipality of	2023
Southwold, Township of	2023
Spanish, Town of	2025
St. Charles, Municipality of	2025
St. Clair, Township of	2023
St. Joseph, Township of	2025
St. Thomas, City of	2023
Stone Mills, Township of	2025
Stratford, City of	2024
Strong, Township of	2025
Sundridge, Village of	2025
Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional, Township of	2025
Tay Valley, Township of	2025
Temiskaming Shores, City of	2025
Terrace Bay, Township of	2025
Thames Centre, Municipality of	2023
The Archipelago, Township of	2025
The Blue Mountains, Town of	2023
The Nation, Municipality	2023
Thunder Bay, City of	2024
Timmins, City of	2025
Toronto, City of	2023
Tri-Neighbours	2025

Eligible Community	Transition Year
Tudor & Cashel, Township of	2025
Waterloo, Regional Municipality of	2024
Wellington, County of	2025
West Elgin, Municipality of	2023
West Grey, Municipality of	2025
West Nipissing, Municipality of	2025
Westport, Village of	2025
Whitestone, Municipality of	2025
Whitewater Region, Township of	2025
Wollaston, Township of	2025
York, Regional Municipality of	2025