

# Update on Residential Blue Box Program Transition to Full Producer Responsibility

Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

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# Key Dates in Blue Box Transition

Deadline	Description of Task
Sept. 30, 2021	Municipalities register and submit collection information in an Initial Report to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA)
Oct. 1, 2021	Producers register and submit information to RPRA
Nov.1, 2021	Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs) must register with RPRA to create rules for the Allocation Table, which identifies the PROs responsible for each municipality.
July 1, 2022	Allocation Table and rules must be submitted to RPRA
August 31, 2022	Municipalities with 2024 transition dates must submit a Transition Report to RPRA with detailed collection information
Jan. 1, 2024	Transition date for Local Area Municipalities (LAMs) in Niagara Region

# Information Required from RPRA

- Niagara Region is waiting on the following from RPRA, which will help inform decision-making and facilitate preparation for transition:
  - Initial Report form and guidelines
  - Confirmation that upper-tier municipalities can report on behalf of the lower-tier municipalities
  - Details about reporting Public Space Recycling Bins (e.g. breaking out seasonal vs permanent collection, inclusion of bins collected by park trucks)

# Information Required from RPRA continued

- Information on how set-out service will be managed
- Confirmation on Blue Box materials to be collected during the transition period and post-transition.

# Negotiation with Producers and PROs

- As Producers and PROs register, organize and work towards completing the Allocation Table for July 2022, it is expected that they will contact Niagara Region
- Potential areas for negotiation with the Producers and PROs include:
  - Provision of collection on behalf of PROs
  - Moving to an earlier transition date

# Negotiation with Producers and PROs continued

- Service for properties not included in the new regulation (e.g. commercial portion of mixed-use properties) and special events
- Management of all or a subset of promotion and education material for the Blue Box Program
- Provision of set-out service
- Management of non-obligated materials currently collected (ex. books, food storage bags, etc.)
- Provision of management of Blue Box material at drop-off depots

# Next Steps for Niagara Region

- Letter to LAM Clerks and Public Works Officials with information on the transition and a request specified collection information
- Inventory of Public Space Recycling Bins
- Follow-up with RPRA on required information
- Initial Report submission to RPRA

# Next Steps for Niagara Region continued

- Participation in industry led webinars and subcommittees related to the Blue Box transition
- Financial and cost benefit analysis on decision points
- Reporting to Council seeking approval to negotiate with PROs and/or bid on collection services
- Completion of MRF Opportunity Review



# Questions?