

## **Memorandum**

**WMPSC-C 4-2025**

**Subject:** Items Collected at Niagara Region Sites Under the Extended Producer Responsibility Programs

**Date:** February 24, 2025

**To:** Waste Management Planning Steering Committee

**From:** Andrew Winters, Waste Disposal Operations, Program Manager

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### **Purpose**

This memorandum provides Committee members with an update on the outstanding Councillor request from the December 9, 2024, Waste Management Planning Steering Committee meeting (Minute Item #6.1). Councillor Rigby requested a detailed list of items collected through Niagara Region Waste Management programs following changes to provincial regulations.

### **Background**

In 2016, the province introduced legislation to transition six material groups collected under municipal waste diversion programs to Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), making producers responsible for the collection and management of these materials.

With this change, municipalities had the option to continue acting as collection sites for these materials on behalf of the producers. Niagara Region chose to host collection sites for all six material groups.

The Region has agreements with these producers to collect the following materials on their behalf:

- Tires
- Batteries
- Electrical and Electronic Equipment
- Hazardous and Special Products
- Lighting

- Blue/Grey Box Program

### **Collected Materials**

Below is a summary of the six programs currently collecting materials at Niagara Region's depots, along with the dates they began operating under the Extended Producer Responsibility legislation. The Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) for each designated material is responsible for covering the cost of hauling and processing the collected materials. For detailed lists of acceptable materials see Appendix 1.

### **Tires (starting January 1, 2019)**

Residents may drop-off up to 10 passenger or small truck tires including rims per day, free of charge.

Drop-off Locations:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Bridge Street Drop-off Depots
- Walker Environmental Group's (Walker's) Drop-off Depot

A list of acceptable tires can be found at the links below:

[Recycling Tires - Niagara Region, Ontario](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/items/tires.aspx)

(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/items/tires.aspx>)

[Niagara - Walker Industries](https://walkerind.com/niagara/)

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### **Single-Use/ Rechargeable Batteries (starting July 1, 2020)**

Batteries are collected at the following drop-off locations, free of charge:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Thorold Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots
- Bridge Street Drop-off Depot
- Walker's Drop-off Depot

A list of acceptable batteries can be found at the links below:

[Household Hazardous Waste Items - Niagara Region, Ontario](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx)

(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx>)

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### **Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (EEE) (starting January 1, 2021)**

EEE is collected at the following drop-off locations, free of charge:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Bridge Street Drop-off Depots
- Walker's Drop-off Depot

A list of acceptable electrical and electronic equipment can be found at the links below:

[Recycling Old Electronics - Niagara Region, Ontario](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/items/electronics.aspx)

(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/items/electronics.aspx>)

[Niagara - Walker Industries](https://walkerind.com/niagara/)

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### **Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) (starting October 1, 2021)**

HSP is collected at the following drop-off locations, free of charge:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Thorold Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots
- Bridge Street Drop-off Depot (limited items – batteries, oil, paint, and propane tanks)

In addition to the HSP materials accepted under the HSP program, Niagara Region collects additional household hazardous materials.

A list of all acceptable household hazardous materials can be found at the link below:

[Hazardous Household Materials - Niagara Region, Ontario](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx)

(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx>)

### **Lighting Material (starting January 1, 2023)**

Lighting materials collected at the following drop-off locations, free of charge:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Thorold Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depots

A list of acceptable lighting can be found at the link below:

[Household Hazardous Waste Items - Niagara Region, Ontario](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx)  
(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/disposal/hhw/items.aspx>)

### **Blue/Grey Box Material (starting January 1, 2024 until December 31, 2025)**

Blue and grey box materials are accepted at the following drop-off locations, free of charge:

- Humberstone, Niagara Road 12, and Bridge Street Drop-off Depots
- Walker's Drop-off Depot

A list of acceptable blue/grey box materials can be found at the links below:

[Blue Box Recycling Collection](https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/collection/items/blue-box.aspx)  
(<https://www.niagararegion.ca/waste/collection/items/blue-box.aspx>)

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Respectfully submitted and signed by

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