

**Blue Box Transition Schedule:
June 1, 2021
Explanatory Note**

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

The 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 Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) Datacall indicates that municipalities, local services boards and First Nation communities ran 253 local blue box programs in Ontario in 2019 under the Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016.

The regulation would transition existing blue box services to producer responsibility in three groups between 2023 and 2025 according to the “Blue Box Transition Schedule.” The “Blue Box Transition Schedule” (see page 3) identifies eligible municipalities and local services board areas and the date they are to transition. Producers would be responsible for transitioning communities on or before the dates contained in the schedule.

The first group of Blue Box programs will transfer responsibility of their programs to producers on July 1st, 2023. By December 31st, 2025, producers will be fully responsible for providing Blue Box services provincewide.

At this time, the “Blue Box Transition Schedule” includes municipalities and local services board areas with Blue Box Programs in the Datacall with the Authority.

The ministry developed the “Blue Box Transition Schedule” with a goal of balancing net program costs and materials managed over the three years.

The ministry also considered municipal preferences for the date of transition. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) canvassed all municipalities and sought their input on when they would like to transition - as of January 2021, 161 municipalities indicated their preference. To minimize impacts to municipalities, the ministry also considered expiry dates for municipal blue box service contracts and the ability for municipalities to extend current contracts (where this data was available.)

The “Blue Box Transition Schedule” does not assign any municipality a transition date that is earlier than their preference, to minimize the potential for breaking contracts.

To promote economies of scale, the ministry considered geographic continuity when assigning municipalities to a given year. The intent of the groupings is to enable producers to contract for geographic catchments to ensure cost-effective planning and delivery of blue box services over the three years.

The ministry will engage with First Nation communities to assess their preferred timing for transition. The “Blue Box Transition Schedule” will be updated to include First Nation communities based on the outcomes of this engagement.

Blue Box Transition Schedule

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
2023	
Alfred and Plantagenet, Township of	2023-10-01
Amaranth, Township of	2023-07-01
Arnprior, Town of	2023-07-29
Atikokan, Town of	2023-10-01
Aweres, Local Services Board of	2023-09-30
Aylmer, Town of	2023-07-01
Bayham, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Beckwith, Township of	2023-07-01
Carleton Place, Town of	2023-07-01
Casselman, Municipality of	2023-12-31
Central Elgin, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Champlain, Township of	2023-07-01
Chatsworth, Township of	2023-10-01
Clarence-Rockland, City of	2023-07-01
Drummond/North Elmsley, Township of	2023-07-01
Dryden, City of	2023-07-31
Dutton Dunwich, Municipality of	2023-12-31
East Garafraxa, Township of	2023-07-01
East Hawkesbury, Township of	2023-07-01
Emo, Township of	2023-10-01
Enniskillen, Township of	2023-09-01
Fort Frances, Town of	2023-10-31
Georgian Bluffs, Township of	2023-10-01
Goulais Local Services Board	2023-09-30
Grand Valley, Town of	2023-07-01
Grey Highlands, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Hawkesbury, Town of	2023-07-01
Horton, Township of	2023-07-01
Kenora, City of	2023-07-01
London, City of	2023-07-01
Malahide, Township of	2023-07-01
McNab/Braeside, Township of	2023-07-29
Meaford, Municipality of	2023-09-30
Melancthon, Township of	2023-07-01
Merrickville-Wolford, Village of	2023-10-01
Mississippi Mills, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Mono, Town of	2023-07-01
Montague, Township of	2023-07-01
Mulmur, Township of	2023-07-01

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Newbury, Village of	2023-10-01
North Grenville, Municipality of	2023-10-01
Orangeville, Town of	2023-07-01
Ottawa, City of	2023-07-01
Owen Sound, City of	2023-07-01
Petrolia, Town of	2023-10-01
Plympton-Wyoming, Town of	2023-07-01
Point Edward, Village of	2023-07-01
Prince, Township of	2023-07-01
Red Lake, Municipality of	2023-10-01
Renfrew, Town of	2023-07-29
Russell, Township of	2023-07-01
Sarnia, City of	2023-07-01
Sault Ste. Marie, City of	2023-09-30
Shelburne, Town of	2023-07-01
Sioux Lookout, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, Township of	2023-07-01
Smiths Falls, Town of	2023-07-01
Southgate, Township of	2023-10-01
Southwest Middlesex, Municipality of	2023-07-01
Southwold, Township of	2023-07-01
St. Clair, Township of	2023-07-01
St. Thomas, City of	2023-07-01
Thames Centre, Municipality of	2023-09-16
The Blue Mountains, Town of	2023-10-01
The Nation Municipality	2023-07-01
Toronto, City of	2023-07-01
West Elgin, Municipality of	2023-07-01
2024	
Adelaide-Metcalf, Township of	2024-04-01
Adjala-Tosorontio, Township of	2024-01-01
Ajax, Town of	2024-07-01
Algonquin Highlands, Township of	2024-03-31
Alnwick/Haldimand, Township of	2024-01-01
Amherstburg, Town of	2024-08-28
Asphodel-Norwood, Township of	2024-01-01
Barrie, City of	2024-05-01
Bluewater, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Bracebridge, Town of	2024-11-19
Bradford West Gwillimbury, Town of	2024-01-01
Brampton, City of	2024-10-01
Brighton, Municipality of	2024-01-01

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Brock, Township of	2024-07-01
Brooke-Alvinston, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Caledon, Town of	2024-10-01
Cambridge, City of	2024-03-02
Carling, Township of	2024-07-01
Cavan Monaghan, Township of	2024-01-01
Central Huron, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Chatham-Kent, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Clarington, Municipality of	2024-07-01
Clearview, Township of	2024-01-01
Cobourg, Town of	2024-01-01
Collingwood, Town of	2024-01-01
Conmee, Township of	2024-07-01
Cramahe, Township of	2024-01-01
Dawn-Euphemia, Township of	2024-04-01
Douro-Dummer, Township of	2024-01-01
Dysart et al, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Essa, Township of	2024-01-01
Essex, Town of	2024-08-28
Fort Erie, Town of	2024-01-01
Georgian Bay, Township of	2024-11-19
Gillies, Township of	2024-07-01
Goderich, Town of	2024-04-01
Gravenhurst, Town of	2024-11-19
Grimsby, Town of	2024-01-01
Haldimand County	2024-01-01
Hamilton, Township of	2024-01-01
Hastings Highlands, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen, Township of	2024-01-01
Highlands East, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Howick, Township of	2024-06-30
Huntsville, Town of	2024-11-19
Huron East, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Innisfil, Town of	2024-01-01
Kawartha Lakes, City of	2024-04-01
Kingsville, Town of	2024-08-28
Kitchener, City of	2024-03-02
Lake of Bays, Township of	2024-11-19
Lakeshore, Municipality of	2024-08-28
Lambton Shores, Municipality of	2024-04-01
LaSalle, Town of	2024-08-28
Leamington, Municipality of	2024-08-28
Lincoln, Town of	2024-01-01

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Lucan Biddulph, Township of	2024-04-01
Marathon, Town of	2024-07-01
McDougall, Township of	2024-07-01
McKellar, Township of	2024-07-01
Middlesex Centre, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Midland, Town of	2024-01-01
Minden Hills, Township of	2024-10-01
Mississauga, City of	2024-10-01
Morris-Turnberry, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Muskoka Lakes, Township of	2024-11-19
Neebing, Municipality of	2024-01-01
New Tecumseth, Town of	2024-01-01
Niagara Falls, City of	2024-01-01
Niagara-On-The-Lake, Town of	2024-01-01
Norfolk, County	2024-09-28
North Dumfries, Township of	2024-03-02
North Kawartha, Township of	2024-01-01
North Middlesex, Municipality of	2024-04-01
North Perth, Municipality of	2024-04-01
O'Connor, Township of	2024-01-01
Oil Springs, Village of	2024-04-01
Oliver Paipoonge, Municipality of	2024-07-01
Orillia, City of	2024-01-01
Oro-Medonte, Township of	2024-01-01
Oshawa, City of	2024-07-01
Otonabee-South Monaghan, Township of	2024-01-01
Parry Sound, Town of	2024-01-01
Pelham, Town of	2024-01-01
Penetanguishene, Town of	2024-01-01
Perth East, Township of	2024-04-01
Perth South, Township of	2024-04-01
Peterborough, City of	2024-01-01
Pickering, City of	2024-07-01
Port Colborne, City of	2024-01-01
Port Hope, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Ramara, Township of	2024-01-01
Scugog, Township of	2024-07-01
Seguin, Township of	2024-07-01
Selwyn, Township of	2024-01-01
Severn, Township of	2024-01-01
Shuniah, Municipality of	2024-07-01
South Huron, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Springwater, Township of	2024-01-01

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St. Catharines, City of	2024-01-01
St. Marys, Town of	2024-04-01
Stratford, City of	2024-05-01
Strathroy-Caradoc, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Tay, Township of	2024-01-01
Tecumseh, Town of	2024-08-28
Terrace Bay, Township of	2024-07-01
The Archipelago, Township of	2024-07-01
Thorold, City of	2024-01-01
Thunder Bay, City of	2024-07-01
Tiny, Township of	2024-01-01
Trent Hills, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Trent Lakes, Municipality of	2024-01-01
Uxbridge, Township of	2024-07-01
Wainfleet, Township of	2024-01-01
Warwick, Township of	2024-04-01
Wasaga Beach, Town of	2024-01-01
Waterloo, City of	2024-03-02
Welland, City of	2024-01-01
Wellesley, Township of	2024-03-02
West Lincoln, Township of	2024-01-01
West Perth, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Whitby, Town of	2024-07-01
Whitestone, Municipality of	2024-07-01
Wilmot, Township of	2024-03-02
Windsor, City of	2024-08-28
Woolwich, Township of	2024-03-02
2025	
Addington Highlands, Township of	2025-01-01
Admaston/Bromley, Township of	2025-07-01
Armour, Township of	2025-01-01
Armstrong, Township of	2025-04-01
Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of	2025-12-31
Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, Township of	2025-04-01
Assiginack, Township of	2025-04-01
Athens, Township of	2025-07-01
Augusta, Township of	2025-06-01
Aurora, Town of	2025-12-31
Baldwin, Township of	2025-04-01
Bancroft, Town of	2025-07-01
Belleville, City of	2025-07-17
Billings, Township of	2025-01-01

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Blandford-Blenheim, Township of	2025-12-31
Blind River, Town of	2025-01-01
Bonfield, Township of	2025-04-01
Bonnechere Valley, Township of	2025-01-01
Brant, County of	2025-01-01
Brantford, City of	2025-01-01
Brockton, Municipality of	2025-12-31
Brockville, City of	2025-01-01
Bruce Mines, Town of	2025-12-31
Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Township of	2025-12-31
Burk's Falls, Village of	2025-01-01
Burlington, City of	2025-04-01
Callander, Municipality of	2025-01-01
Calvin, Municipality of	2025-04-01
Carlow/Mayo, Township of	2025-01-01
Casey, Township of	2025-04-01
Central Frontenac, Township of	2025-01-01
Central Manitoulin, Municipality of	2025-01-01
Centre Hastings, Municipality of	2025-07-17
Centre Wellington, Township of	2025-07-01
Charlton and Dack, Municipality of	2025-04-01
Chisholm, Township of	2025-04-01
Cobalt, Town of	2025-04-01
Cochrane, Town of	2025-01-01
Coleman, Township of	2025-04-01
Cornwall, City of	2025-01-01
Deep River, Town of	2025-01-01
Deseronto, Town of	2025-01-01
East Ferris, Township of	2025-09-01
East Gwillimbury, Town of	2025-12-31
East Zorra-Tavistock, Township of	2025-12-31
Edwardsburgh/Cardinal, Township of	2025-02-01
Elizabethtown-Kitley, Township of	2025-01-01
Elliot Lake, City of	2025-05-31
Englehart, Town of	2025-01-01
Erin, Town of	2025-07-01
Espanola, Town of	2025-04-01
Evanturel, Township of	2025-01-01
Faraday, Township of	2025-01-01
French River, Municipality of	2025-04-01
Front of Yonge, Township of	2025-01-01
Frontenac Islands, Township of	2025-07-01
Gananoque, Town of	2025-03-31

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Gauthier, Township of	2025-04-01
Georgina, Town of	2025-12-31
Greater Madawaska, Township of	2025-07-01
Greater Napanee, Town of	2025-01-01
Greater Sudbury, City of	2025-04-01
Guelph, City of	2025-01-01
Guelph/Eramosa, Township of	2025-07-01
Halton Hills, Town of	2025-04-01
Hamilton, City of	2025-04-01
Hanover, Town of	2025-01-01
Harley, Township of	2025-04-01
Head, Clara and Maria, Townships of	2025-01-01
Hearst, Town of	2025-01-01
Hilliard, Township of	2025-12-31
Hilton Beach, Village of	2025-04-01
Hudson, Township of	2025-10-01
Huron Shores, Municipality of	2025-06-27
Huron-Kinloss, Township of	2025-12-31
Ingersoll, Town of	2025-12-31
James, Township of	2025-10-01
Johnson, Township of	2025-12-31
Kapuskasing, Town of	2025-01-01
Kearney, Town of	2025-10-01
Kerns, Township of	2025-10-01
Killaloe, Hagarty, and Richards, Township of	2025-07-01
Killarney, Municipality of	2025-10-31
Kincardine, Municipality of	2025-12-31
King, Township of	2025-12-31
Kingston, City of	2025-07-01
Kirkland Lake, Town of	2025-09-30
Laird, Township of	2025-10-01
Lanark Highlands, Township of	2025-01-01
Larder Lake, Township of	2025-10-01
Latchford, Town of	2025-10-01
Laurentian Hills, Town of	2025-07-15
Laurentian Valley, Township of	2025-03-28
Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Township of	2025-07-01
Limerick, Township of	2025-07-01
Loyalist, Township of	2025-07-01
Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of	2025-10-01
Machar, Township of	2025-10-01
Madawaska Valley, Township of	2025-12-31
Magnetawan, Municipality of	2025-01-01

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Mapleton, Township of	2025-07-01
Markham, City of	2025-12-31
Marmora and Lake, Municipality of	2025-07-17
Matachewan, Township of	2025-10-01
Mattawa, Town of	2025-10-01
Mattice-Val Cote, Township of	2025-01-01
McGarry, Township of	2025-10-01
McMurrich/Monteith, Township of	2025-10-01
Milton, Town of	2025-04-01
Minto, Town of	2025-07-01
Moonbeam, Township of	2025-01-01
Nairn & Hyman, Township of	2025-01-01
Newmarket, Town of	2025-12-31
Nipissing, Township of	2025-10-01
North Bay, City of	2025-01-01
North Dundas, Township of	2025-01-01
North Frontenac, Township of	2025-07-01
North Glengarry, Township of	2025-01-01
North Huron, Township of	2025-04-01
North Stormont, Township of	2025-01-01
Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, Town of	2025-10-01
Northern Bruce Peninsula, Municipality of	2025-12-31
Norwich, Township of	2025-12-31
Oakville, Town of	2025-04-01
Papineau-Cameron, Township of	2025-01-01
Pembroke, City of	2025-03-28
Perry, Township of	2025-03-01
Perth, Town of	2025-06-01
Petawawa, Town of	2025-03-28
Plummer Additional, Township of	2025-12-31
Powassan, Municipality of	2025-09-16
Prescott, Town of	2025-01-01
Prince Edward, County of	2025-07-17
Puslinch, Township of	2025-07-01
Quinte West, City of	2025-07-17
Richmond Hill, City of	2025-12-31
Rideau Lakes, Township of	2025-03-01
Sables-Spanish Rivers, Township of	2025-06-01
Saugeen Shores, Town of	2025-12-31
South Bruce Peninsula, Town of	2025-12-31
South Bruce, Municipality of	2025-12-31
South Dundas, Municipality of	2025-01-01
South Frontenac, Township of	2025-07-01

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South Glengarry, Township of	2025-01-01
South Stormont, Township of	2025-01-01
South-West Oxford, Township of	2025-12-31
Spanish, Town of	2025-02-28
St. Charles, Municipality of	2025-12-31
St. Joseph, Township of	2025-07-01
Stirling-Rawdon, Township of	2025-07-17
Stone Mills, Township of	2025-07-01
Strong, Township of	2025-01-01
Sundridge, Village of	2025-01-01
Tarbutt, Township of	2025-06-01
Tay Valley, Township of	2025-01-01
Temiskaming Shores, City of	2025-01-01
Thessalon, Town of	2025-12-31
Tillsonburg, Town of	2025-12-31
Timmins, City of	2025-01-01
Tudor & Cashel, Township of	2025-01-01
Tweed, Municipality of	2025-07-17
Tyendinaga, Township of	2025-07-17
Vaughan, City of	2025-12-31
Wellington North, Township of	2025-07-01
West Grey, Municipality of	2025-01-01
West Nipissing, Municipality of	2025-07-01
Westport, Village of	2025-09-01
Whitchurch-Stouffville, Town of	2025-12-31
Whitewater Region, Township of	2025-07-01
Wollaston, Township of	2025-07-01
Woodstock, City of	2025-12-31
Zorra, Township of	2025-12-31