Blue Box: Primary Processor Performance **Reporting Guide**

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How to use this Guide

How to use this guide

The new Blue Box program launched in July 2023 and introduced some new requirements for **Processor registration and reporting**.

RPRA has prepared this guide to help primary processors understand what data they need to report and provide step-by-step instructions on how to complete the report in RPRA's Registry, including:

- How to submit reports
- When to submit reports
- Links to supplemental guidance documents

More information about the Blue Box Regulation can be found on RPRA's website.

If you have further questions that are not answered in this guide, please contact the Compliance Team at <u>registry@rpra.ca</u> or call 1-833-600-0530.

Introduction

Who is considered a Blue Box processor?

The Blue Box Regulation defines a processor as "a person who processes, for the purpose of resource recovery, blue box material that was supplied to a consumer in Ontario".

Processing includes all stages of activities, beginning with post-collection sorting until the material is considered a recovered resource.

Primary processors include material recovery facilities (MRFs) or other facilities who conduct activities such as sorting, baling, and preparing material for shipment to secondary or downstream processors.

Primary processors must register with RPRA and complete annual reporting beginning in 2024 (reporting on activities undertaken in 2023). **The deadline to submit performance reports is May 31, 2024**.

Secondary processors or downstream processors conduct activities such as additional sorting, reprocessing, preparation for smelting and smelting, and paper pulping. Downstream processors should register with RPRA as soon as possible but are not yet required to submit an annual report to RPRA.

Between 2023 and 2025, Blue Box material supplied to consumers in Ontario can undergo processing at secondary or downstream processing facilities that have not yet registered with RPRA or have not submitted an annual report to RPRA.

Overview of Processor Requirements

Processor Type	Examples of Services Provided	RPR registration required?	Annual Report?	Report Due Date
Primary	 Sorting Baling Separating plastics into resin types Separating clear from coloured glass 	Yes	Yes - for services provided from July 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2023, to transitioned communities	May 31, 2024
Secondary or Downstream	 Additional sorting Reprocessing Preparation for smelting Smelting Paper pulping 	Yes	Not at this time*	N/A

*During the **transition period** from July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2025, **Secondary processors** who provide services to producers and PROs for Blue Box material supplied to consumers should register with RPRA as soon as possible but are **not yet required to submit an annual report to RPRA**.

What data do primary processors need to submit for their reports

Primary processors are required to report on their activities from July 1 to December 31, 2023, undertaken as part of the contracts with one or more PROs for material collected from transitioned communities. Primary processors are required to report on the following:

- INBOUND weight: total weight of Blue Box material received from the common collection system.
- OUTBOUND weight: total weight of Blue Box material sent to other processors for further processing.
- OUTBOUND weight: total weight of Blue Box material sent for disposal (e.g., land disposal, incineration, used as fuel, stockpile) that was collected from the common collection system.

How to log into the Registry

The report is completed online through RPRA's Registry. You can access your Registry account here.

Tips for logging into the Registry for the first time:

- If you don't have an account, click "Don't have an Account? Create a new Account".
- The Registry will not work with the Internet Explorer web browser. Google Chrome
 is the recommended web browser. If you need technical support on this, please contact
 <u>registry@rpra.ca</u>.

Tips for logging into an existing Registry account:

- If you already have an existing Registry account, you do not need to create a new one.
 - Simply log into your existing account, which will bring you to the homepage. Here you will see all the programs you are enrolled in.
 - If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password" on the login screen and follow the instructions provided.
 - Watch this how-to video for step-by-step instructions on how to login to an existing Registry account.

How to manage contacts in your Registry account

Only an account admin in your organization can add new contacts or manage existing contacts in the Registry. This includes giving users access to information about the program(s) they are enrolled in (e.g., permissions to view and complete reports). Learn more about the different <u>Registry account roles</u>.

To manage contacts in your Registry account, see the following steps or watch <u>'Managing Users in</u> <u>RPRA's Registry'</u>.

1. Once you are logged into your account, click on the drop-down arrow in the top right corner and select **Manage Users** as shown below.

RPRA Resource Productivity a Recovery Audustity					Blue Box Processor My Profile	Logout
	Blue Box Processor Blue Box Homepage			Registration #:00010975	Change Password My Business Profile	
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	Producer * Processor * PRO Status Invoices	Add Roles				
	Blue Box					
	Report 🔻	Status	Last Updated By	Action		
	2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor	Not Started Due Date: May 31, 2024		Start		
	Processing Sites List the address of each site where blue b	ox materials are processed.		Manage		
	Need help? Explore our Registry Resources	Can't find an answer? Conta	ct Us			

How to manage contacts in your Registry account cont'd.

- 1. Click Add New User to add an additional user to your account.
- 2. Under Action, click Manage to update preferences for existing users.

Manage Users	Manage Users
Blue Box Primary User: Blue Box Processor	Email test@test.com
A Primary User of a given program has the same abilities as a Secondary User plus the ability to manage users within that program.	First Name Last Name
	Example User
Active Users Enter search terms here Add Filters + Name Email Program Last Login Date Action	Job Title Preferred Language
Chantel Test masked- lih83281@d0n0treply.c Blue Box Edit om Disable	Business Phone Number Phone Extension
1 entries < < Page 1 of 1 > > 5 entries per page ; 1 • Add New User	Mobile Phone Number 9058762344 Same as Business Phone Number
 3. To give reporting abilities to a Primary or Secondary contact, 3 select the program that you would like to grant the user access to from the drop-down menu. 4. Check the box to authorize the user. 	Program User Access Level Blue Box \$ Secondary \$
5. Click Save.	Cancel 5 Save

How to submit your processor performance report

The next few slides will guide you with entering your **processing sites**

Access your program

1. After logging in, click on the icon for the **Blue Box** program on your dashboard.



Adding Processing Sites

Before starting your report, you are required to add the location of each of your processing facilities.

If there are changes to this information at any time, you must update it in the Registry.

- 1. On your **Blue Box Homepage**, under the Processing Sites section, click the **Manage** button.
- 2. Click the **Add New** button to add each of your processing facilities.

Note: When entering your data in your report, you will be required to report on total aggregate weights of all your facilities.

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lue Box Homepage			Registration #:00031286
			Switch Programs
An asterisk (*) indicates that you have items to address in the tab.	ve incomplete		
Processor * Invoices Add Roles			
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Processing Sites			Manage
List the address of each site where blue b	ox materials are processed.		
eed help? Explore our Registry Resources	Can't find an answer? Cont	act Us	



Adding Processing Sites

- 1. If applicable, check the **My site has a Canadian address** box and complete the address information fields.
- 2. Select the Blue Box material categories that are handled at this site by checking the appropriate boxes.
- 3. Identify the materials you process or recover at the site by checking the appropriate boxes.
- 4. Click Done.

	Add Processing Site
1)	My site has a Canadian address
	Site Name (eg., Store Name #123)
	Street
	Community 1 Province
	Contario ‡
	Postal Code
	Business Phone Number
	Please select all Blue Box material categories handled at this site: Beverage Container
2)	R Rigid Plastic
	Glass Metal
	Flexible Plastic Paper
	Please identify the materials you recover or process at this site:
	Aluminum
	Crushed Glass Paper
3	Cardboard
2	Steel Plastic
	Others
	Cancel Done
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1. How to submit your data for materials received

Performance report Starting your report

- 1. On the **Blue Box Homepage**, click on the **Processor** tab to navigate to processor reports.
- 2. Under **Action**, click **Start** to begin completing the 2023 Blue Box Performance Processor report.
- 3. After clicking **Start**, a notice will appear. Confirm this is correct and click **Proceed**.

Note: Only the roles you are enrolled in will be clickable (e.g., if you are only enrolled as a processor, you will only see the processor tab, invoices tab and add roles tab).

Blue Box Processor			
Blue Box Homepage			Registration #:00031286
			Blue Box Switch Programs
An asterisk (*) indicates that you have items to address in the tab.	/e incomplete		
Processor * Invoices Add Roles			
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It is an offence	if you submit false	or misleading	information to t	he Author
Cancel				Proce

Before entering any information, your report status will be listed as **Not Started**, and the **Submit Report** button will be disabled until all sections of the report are completed.

 Click Start to begin entering the total weight of Blue Box material received.

Note: As of July 1, of 2023, PROs on behalf of producers only operated the common collection system.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processo	or	Report Status Not Started
Report Summary	Presentation last saved: Just now	Submit Report
Materials Received from Collection Systems		Submit Report
Received from Collection		Make sure to provide all the required
Input the weight of materials received directly from co supplemental collection systems.	ommon, alternative or	data before submitting.
Received from Collection	Total Kilograms	
Total weight of materials		
Total		
	1 Start	

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 Add the collection system you received Blue Box material from by clicking Add.

Note: The only option available for 2024 reporting is the **common collection system**.

- 1. The collection system will then appear in the **table below.**
- 2. Under **Action**, click **Enter** to add the total weight of Blue Box material received.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Perfe Follow the steps below to iden once you have finished enteri Collection Systems	ntify and enter data for all	the collection systems f	rom which you received Blue	e Box Materials. Click Continue
All collection systems that m	nay apply to you are listed	in the table below.		
Step 1: Add all collection	n systems from which yo	u received material		
Registration #	Company N	lame	System Name	Action
	Common		Common	Add 1
Collection systems you have	added in Step 1 will appe	ar in the table below		
Step 2: Enter data for all	l your collection systems	5		
Registration #	Company Name	System Name	Total Kilogram	s Received Action
	Common	Common	0	3 Enter Remove
	Continue only when you	have finished entering	data for all your collection	systems Continue >

- Under the Received from Collection tab, enter the total weight of Blue Box material received directly from the common collection system from July 1 -December 31, 2023.
- 2. Click Save & Next to proceed.

Note: When entering your data in your report, you will be required to report on total aggregate weights of all your facilities.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor Enter your data and click Save & Next to move to the next reporting screen. Materials Received from Collection Systems **Received from Collection** Input the weight of materials received directly from common, alternative or supplemental collection systems. **Received from Collection Total Kilograms** Total weight of materials Save & Next **Clear Form**

- 1. If you need to make a change to data entered for the common collection system, click **Update**.
- 2. Click **Continue** to proceed.

Action
ns Received Action
Update

Once you start entering data for your report, your report status will change to **In Progress**. You will not be able to click **Submit Report** until all fields in the report have been completed.

- Review the total weight of Blue Box material received to ensure what you have entered is correct.
- 2. Click **Edit** if you need to make a change to weights.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor		Report Status In Progress
Report Summary		Submit Report
Materials Received from Collection Systems		Submit Report
Input the weight of materials received directly from commo supplemental collection systems.	on, alternative or	Make sure to provide all the required data before submitting.
Received from Collection Total weight of materials	Total Kilograms 0	
Total	0	
	Edit	2

2. How to submit your data for material sent downstream

Performance report Enter the weight of material sent downstream

In this section of the report, you will be required to enter the weight of Blue Box material sent to other processors, by material type. For guidance, the tables below demonstrate how to categorize specific material categories into the new Blue Box categories. Note that the list is not exhaustive.

Current/Past BB Categories Processors Use	New BB Categories	Current/Past BB Categories Processors Use	New BB Categories
Old News Paper # 6 (ONP)		PET Containers	
Old News Paper # 8 (ONP)	Paper	HDPE Containers	
Fine Paper		Plastic Film (#2HDPE, #4LDPE)	
Old Corrugated Containers (OCC)		Mixed Plastics (#3 to #7)	Plastics
Old Boxboard (OBB)		Tubs & lids (#2, #4, #5)	T Idolico
OCC/OBB Mix (Hardpack)		Polystyrene Foam (#6)	
Polycoat and Aseptic Containers		Rigid Polystyrene (#6)	
		Mixed Plastics (#1 to #7)	
Mixed Papers & Fibers SPRN (Sorted residential paper &		Flint/Clear	
news)		Coloured	Glass
Aluminum	Metals	Mixed glass (clear and coloured)	
Steel	Weals		

Performance report Enter the weight of material sent downstream

 Click Start to begin entering the total outbound weight of each Blue Box material sent downstream for further processing.

Note 1: When entering data – it is not reported by facility/site – it is a total aggregate weight for all facilities

Note 2: Most processors sort and bale by material, which can make it difficult to report beverage containers separately. If you have existing data about beverage containers (e.g., from an audit) you may choose to use that information for this section. Otherwise, report zero in this field.

Materials received and sent downstream	
Outbound Weight	
Input the weight of processed material sent to other proce	ssors.
Processed Materials Sent	Total Kilograms
Beverage Container	
Glass	
Flexible Plastic	
Rigid Plastic	
Metal	
Paper	
Total	
	Start

Performance report Enter the processor's name and the weight of materials sent downstream

- Search for companies that you sent Blue Box materials to. If you can't find the name of the company, please use the <u>form on our website</u> and send it to <u>registry@rpra.ca</u>.
- 2. Under Action click Add to add processors.
- 3. Added processors will appear in the **table below**.
- 4. Under Action, click Enter to add the total weight of Blue Box material sent to each downstream processor.

ocessors				
er your Processors' R	egistration #, Name or Address i	in the search box to see the s	earch results in the table below.	
Step 1: Search for a	nd add all your processors		east street	Q
Registration #	Company Name	Primary Contact	Address Actio	n
00010975	Blue Box Processor	Blue Box Processor	2425 East Street, Mississau Add	
ocessors you have a	dded in Step 1 above will appear	in the table below.		
	dded in Step 1 above will appear for all your processors	in the table below.		
		in the table below. Total Kilograms Sent	Action	

Performance report Enter the weight of materials sent downstream for the processor identified

- 1. Under the **Outbound Weight** tab, enter the total weight of Blue Box material sent downstream to the processor selected. For each processor selected, you will need to fill out this information.
- 2. Click Save & Next to proceed.

Note: Report total material sorted, baled and/or prepared for shipment to secondary or downstream facilities.

You may report zeros in the **beverage container** category unless you have a reasonable estimate (e.g., an audit) to calculate the weight of beverage containers.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor Enter your data and click Save & Next to move to the next reporting screen. Materials Received and Sent Downstream Outbound Weight Input the weight of processed material sent to other processors. Processed Materials Sent **Total Kilograms** 1 **Beverage Container** 0 Glass 0 Flexible Plastic 0 **Rigid Plastic** 0 Metal 0 Paper 0 2 Save & Next Clear Form

Performance report Update the processor and the weight of materials sent downstream

- 1. Click **Update**, if you need to make a change to the data entered from Blue Box material sent downstream.
- 2. Click **Continue** to proceed.

	erformance - Processon o identify and enter data for all th prs.		l to. Click Continue once you	have finished entering
Processors				
Enter your Processors' R	egistration #, Name or Address	in the search box to see the s	earch results in the table be	low.
Step 1: Search for a	nd add all your processors		Enter search terms her	re Q
Registration #	Company Name	Primary Contact	Address	Action
No Results				
Processors you have add	ded in Step 1 above will appear i	n the table below.		
Step 2: Enter data f	or all your processors			
Registration #	Company Name	Total Kilograms Sent	Action	
00010975	Blue Box Processor	0	Update Remove	
	Continue only when	n you have finished entering	data for all your processors	Continue >

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Performance report Review the weight of materials sent downstream

1. Review your data and click **Edit** if you need to make changes to the weight of Blue Box material sent downstream.

Materials Received from Processors and Sen	t Downstream
✓ Outbound Weight	
Input the weight of processed material sent to	o other processors.
Processed Materials Sent	Total Kilograms
Beverage Container	0
Glass	0
Flexible Plastic	0
Rigid Plastic	0
Metal	0
Paper	0
Total	0
	Edit

3. How to submit your data for materials sent for disposal

1. Click **Start** to begin entering the total weight of processed materials sent for disposal on behalf of PROs.

Materials Sent fo	or Disposal			
Land Disposed	Incinerated	Used as Fuel	Stockpiled	
Includes material	sent to land	fills and <mark>d</mark> ump	s.	
Land Disposed				Total Kilograms
Total weight of r	naterials			
Total				
				Start

- 1. Search for all **PROs** who were sent materials for disposal.
- 2. Under Action click Add to add PROs.
- 3. Added PROs will appear in the **table below**.
- 4. Under **Action**, click **Enter** to add the total weight of materials sent for disposal.

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Producers and PROs	entering data for all of your Produc	ters and rives.		
nter your producers' a	nd PROs' registration number (#)	, name or address in the	e search bar to see the search resu	lts in the table belo
Step 1: Search for a	nd add all your producers and P	ROs	sample	Q
Registration #	Company Name	Primary Contact	Address	Action
00030454	Sample PRO 2	Monica PRO	Monica PRO, Monica PRO	Add
00031014	Sabra Canada Inc.	Traci Sample	860-100 Sheppard Avenue	. Add 2
roducers and PROs yo	u have added in Step 1 will appea	r in the table below.		
Step 2: Enter data f	for all your producers and PROs			
Registration #	Company Nar	ne	Total Kilograms Disposed	Action
00030452	Sample PRO 1		0	Enter

- 1. Under the **Land Disposed** tab, enter the total weight of materials sent for disposal.
- 2. If the above is not applicable, check **I did not** send any material for land disposal.
- 3. Click Save & Next to proceed.

al (Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor Enter your data and click Save & Next to move to the next reporting screen.
	Materials Sent for Disposal
1	Land Disposed Incinerated Used as Fuel Stockpiled
	Includes material sent to landfills and dumps.
	Land Disposed Total Kilograms
	Total weight of materials
2	I did not send any material for land disposal.
	Clear Form Save & Next 3

- 1. Under the **Incinerated** tab, enter the total weight of materials sent for incineration.
- 2. If the above is not applicable, check I did not send any material for incineration.
- 3. Click Save & Next to proceed.

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Enter your data and click **Save & Next** to move to the next reporting screen.



- 1. Under the **Used as Fuel** tab, enter the total weight of materials sent to be used as fuel or fuel supplement.
- 2. If the above is not applicable, check I did not send any material to be used for fuel.
- 3. Click Save & Next to proceed.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor Enter your data and click Save & Next to move to the next report	ting screen.
Materials Sent for Disposal Land Disposed V Incinerated Used as Fuel Stockpiled	
Material used as fuel or a fuel supplement. Used as Fuel Total weight of materials	Total Kilograms
I did not send any material to be used as fuel.	
Clear Form Previous	Save & Next

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- 1. Under the **Stockpiled** tab, enter the total weight of materials sent to be stockpiled.
- 2. If the above is not applicable, check **I did not** stockpile any material
- 3. Click Save & Next to proceed.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor Enter your data and click Save & Next to move to the next reporting screen. **Materials Sent for Disposal** Land Disposed Incinerated Used as Fuel Stockpiled Includes material stored, stockpiled or otherwise deposited on land. **Total Kilograms** Stockpiled Total weight of materials 0 I did not stockpile any material. Clear Form Save & Next Previous 3

- 1. Click **Update**, if you need to make a change to the data entered for PROs.
- 2. Click on **Continue** to proceed.

Blue Box Processor				
follow the steps below to	erformance - Process o identify and enter data for all th entering data for all of your Produ	ne producers and PROs or	n whose behalf you disposed m	aterial. Click Continue
Producers and PROs		0		
	nd PROs' registration number (# nd add all your producers and		Enter search terms	
Registration #	Company Name	Primary Contact	Address	Action
No Results				
roducers and PROs you	u have added in Step 1 will appe	ear in the table below.		
Step 2: Enter data f	or all your producers and PRO	S		
Registration #	Company Na	ime	Total Kilograms Disposed	Action
00030452	Sample PRO	1	0	Update Remove
	Continue only when you hav	ve finished entering data	for all your producers and PRO	Os Continue >

1. Review your data and click **Edit** if you need to make a change to the weight of materials sent for disposal.

Materials Sent for Disposal	
✓ Land Disposed ✓ Incinerated ✓ Used as Fuel ✓ Stockpiled	
Includes material sent to landfills and dumps.	
Land Disposed	Total Kilograms
Total weight of materials	0
Total	0
	Edit

4. How to submit your report

The next few slides will guide you with submitting your report.

Performance report Submit your report

- Under Report Summary, you can review the data previously entered. Click Edit if you need to make changes.
- 2. Click **Submit Report** once you are finished reviewing and are ready to submit.

Note: Confirm that all sections of the report have a green check mark beside each tab. The **Submit Report** button will remain disabled until all required sections of the report are complete.

Blue Box Processor 2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor		Report Status In Progress
Report Summary		Submit Report
Materials Received from Collection Systems	2	Submit Report
✓ Received from Collection		Make sure to provide all the required
Input the weight of materials received directly from common, supplemental collection systems.	alternative or	data before submitting.
Received from Collection	Total Kilograms	
Total weight of materials	0	
Total	0	
	Edit	1

Performance report Submit your report cont.

1. After clicking **Submit Report**, the below notice will appear. If no further changes to your report are needed, click **Submit**.



Note: You will <u>not</u> be able to make any changes once the report is submitted.

Performance report View submitted report

- On the Blue Box homepage, under the Processor tab, your Blue Box Performance -Processor report status should show Submitted and the name of the person it was last updated by.
- 2. Under **Action**, you can **View** the report submission or **Download** a PDF copy of the report.

Je Box Processor			
ue Box Homepage			Registration #:00031
1			Blue Box
			Switch Progra
rocessor Invoices Add Roles			
Blue Box			
Report	Status	Last Updated By	Action
2022 Dive Dev Devfermenter Deverse	Submitted		View Download
2023 Blue Box Performance - Processor	Apr 02, 2024 01:30 p.m.		View Download
Processing Sites			
pre-state from over the state, and appendix			Manage
List the address of each site where blue b	ox materials are processed.		

Additional Resources

Have a question?

Resources to help you submit your report(s):

- Visit our <u>Blue Box processor webpage</u> for additional information on reporting requirements.
- For support with navigating the Registry and meeting your regulatory requirements, visit our <u>Blue Box Registry Resources webpage</u> where you can find registry procedures, compliance bulletins, how-to videos, FAQs and more.
- If you have further questions that are not answered in this guide, contact the Compliance Team at <u>registry@rpra.ca</u> or call 1-833-600-0530.