

Blue Box Producer Obligations for July 1, 2023

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Agenda

1. Individual Producer Responsibility
2. Management, Collection and Promotion & Education Requirements
3. Meeting your Obligations



“If a producer fails to comply with the regulatory requirements ... by July 1, 2023, they may face enforcement action”

- *Registrar's statement, June 1, 2023*

Individual Producer Responsibility



IPR and the Blue Box Regulation

As of July 1, 2023:

- communities in Ontario start transitioning to new blue box program
- producers fully accountable for collecting and recycling their blue box materials
- producers fund 100% of costs

Blue Box Producer Obligations

Under the Blue Box Regulation, producers must ensure:

- **collection systems** (curbside or depot) for households across Ontario
- they process and recover enough resources to meet their **management requirements**
- **promotion and education system** about the collection of Blue Box materials

Note: The Blue Box Regulation makes producers **individually responsible** for meeting these requirements, and if these requirements are not met, they can be held **individually accountable**.

Key players in the IPR framework



**Ontario Government
(Ministry of the Environment,
Conservation and Parks)**

- Develops, approves and issues legislation
- Makes amendments to legislation, as required
- Issues direction letters



**Resource Productivity and
Recovery Authority (RPRA)**

- Implements and enforces regulations
- Has power to take the following actions to ensure compliance:
 - Inspections and audits
 - Investigations
 - Compliance orders
 - Administrative penalty orders
 - Prosecutions

Key players in the IPR framework (cont.)



Producers

A **producer** supplies blue box material (packaging, paper products or packaging-like products) comprised of paper, glass, metal or plastic, or a combination of these materials to consumers in Ontario. The obligated producer for products and packaging is determined based on the producer hierarchies.

[Learn more about producers here](#)



Producer Responsibility Organizations (PROs)

A **PRO** is a business established to contract with producers to provide collection, management and administrative services to help producers meet their regulatory obligations.

This can include arranging the establishment or operation of collection and management systems and preparing/submitting reports.

[Learn more about PROs here](#)



Processors

A **processor** is a person that processes Blue Box materials used in Ontario for the purpose of resource recovery. PROs and producers will have contracts with registered processors for the purposes of meeting management requirements.

[Learn more about processors here](#)

Management, Collection and P&E Requirements



Management requirements

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2022 Blue Box Supply Report

Report Summary

Your minimum management requirements for 2023 are:

0 Kilograms	Beverage Container
30,750 Kilograms	Glass
0 Kilograms	Flexible Plastic
9,500 Kilograms	Rigid Plastic
0 Kilograms	Metal
2,453 Kilograms	Paper

Your minimum management requirements are calculated in accordance with [Section 40](#) of the Blue Box Regulation.

Calculated on how much you supplied into Ontario in the previous year

Submit Report

Upload Executive Attestation i

[Download blank Executive Attestation form](#)

Registry Fee Payment i

Sub Total	\$832.48
HST (13%)	\$108.22
Invoice Total	\$940.70

Collection System Obligations

1



Common collection system

Curbside or depot pick-up

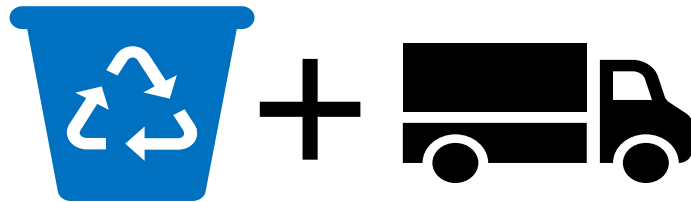
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Alternative collection system

Operating in all communities where materials are supplied

3



Common collection + supplemental system

Promotion and education requirements

Must inform residents of:

- what can or cannot be put into a blue box
- collection services offered (including curbside collection dates and depot locations)
- how to replace or request a new blue box
- telephone number and email address for questions or concerns

Meeting Your Obligations



Join the Common Collection System

Established and operated by producer responsibility organizations (PRO) through a system access agreement. Join by:

Working with PROs:

- Sign a contract before July 1, 2023
- Report your PRO in your Registry account

OR

Signing onto the system access agreement:

- Contact the system administrator, Circular Materials and sign before July 1, 2023

Registered Blue Box PROs

PRO	Contact Information
Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association	Phone: 1 (855) 644-7400 Email: info@cbcra-acrcb.org
Circular Materials	Website: www.circularmaterials.ca Phone: (647) 210-5527 Email: info@circularmaterials.ca
H2 Compliance Inc.	Website: http://www.h2compliance.com Phone: (514) 886-2588 Email: j.kotler@h2compliance.com
Ryse Solutions Ontario Inc.	Website: https://ryseinc.ca/ Phone: (905) 330-9206 Email: info@ryseinc.ca

A list of registered Blue Box PROs can also be found on our website:
<https://rpra.ca/programs/blue-box/regulation/pros/>

Manage your PRO

To notify us that you are working with a PRO:

[Log into your account](#) and follow these [step-by-step instructions](#).

To avoid enforcement action for non-compliance, all producers need to indicate their PRO prior to July 1, 2023.

Register an alternative system

Notify RPRA at registry@rpra.ca today

Be prepared to explain:

- How your system will service up to 5 million households in communities where your materials are supplied, starting July 1, 2023.
- How the material will be processed and recycled to meet the entirety of your management requirement

What could happen if you don't meet the July 1 deadline?

- Compliance orders
- Financial penalties
 - maximum base penalty amount:
 - \$200,000 plus economic benefit* for collection system
 - \$75,000 plus economic benefit* for promotion and education
- Prosecution

* value of the benefit gained from breaking the law.

Resources



Resources to help you understand and meet your requirements



Website rpra.ca

Visit our [Blue Box Regulation webpage](#) for an overview of the regulation.

For more information on your regulatory requirements, visit our [Blue Box Producer webpage](#).



Learning Series

This webinar is being provided as part of our learning series on the Blue Box Regulation.

For a recording of this webinar and presentation slides, as well as past presentation on the Blue Box Regulation, visit our website:
<https://rpra.ca/learn/>



Registry Resources

Visit our [Registry Resources webpage](#) for Compliance Bulletins and Registry Procedures.

We will continue to develop Compliance Bulletins to assist people in understanding their regulatory requirements and how to meet them.



Compliance Team

Our Compliance Team is available to answer any questions you have.

Contact the team at:
registry@rpra.ca or 833-600-0530.