

Attachment 1: Key Elements of the Blue Box Regulation

Regulation Area	Transition (From July 2023 to December 2025)	Post-Transition (2026 and beyond)
Eligible Sources	<p>Current service levels will be maintained:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single family homes • Multi-residential buildings (City serviced) • Municipal retirement homes • Municipal long-term care homes • Public schools • Public Space 	<p>Current service levels, plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately serviced multi-residential buildings can opt-in to service provision. • Municipal <u>and</u> not-for-profit retirement homes. • Municipal <u>and</u> not-for-profit long-term care homes. • Private schools
Blue Box Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current list of Blue Box materials will remain the same. 	<p>Detailed list to be determined by Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority, in consultation with stakeholders, but the Regulation identifies the following materials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Box packaging • Paper products • Packaging-like product (aluminum foil, metal tray, plastic film or wrap, wrapping paper, paper bag, beverage cup, plastic bag, cardboard box or envelope). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Excludes flexible plastic used for containment, protection or handling of food such as cling wrap, sandwich bags, or freezer bags. • Inclusion of single-use packaging such as straws, cutlery, plate that is supplied with a food or beverage product to facilitate consumption.

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Curbside Collection (single family homes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current service levels will be maintained (or can be more frequent). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect at least every other week. • Collect all blue box materials in a single day. • Provide blue box receptacles for collection and storage of materials; must be appropriate for the size of the residence. • Damaged bins are to be repaired or replaced within one week.
Multi-residential Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current service levels will be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately serviced multi-residential buildings can apply for inclusion in program. • Collection frequency will be tied to when bins are full (must be collected before bins are full).
Depots	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current depot operations will be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain same number of depot collection sites as currently offered to residents and operate at least at the same hours for household garbage drop-off.

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Public Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current service levels will be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to provide collection based on a density formula. • Collection frequency based on how quickly bins reach capacity (collect before full). • Need to provide appropriate bins for space; ensure durability and signage. • For bins in parks or playgrounds, bins are to be placed near entry/exit points and where people congregate.
Alternative Collection System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current alternative collection systems (e.g. mail-back or return-to-retail) will be maintained. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can remove material(s) from curbside blue box collection if producer develops an alternate system that enables them to meet their obligations. • Examples: depot collection, return-to-retail, postage-paid mail-back programs. • Approval revoked if targets aren't met twice in a three-year period.
Promotion & Education	<p>Minimum requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status quo • Disseminate description of any significant changes to program, how to prepare materials to go in bin, and how materials should be sorted. 	<p>Minimum requirements (may go beyond this to ensure targets are achieved):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide list of materials collected, collection details, how to replace bins, contact info for questions, concerns or new bins. • Program website • In-print information delivered by mail at least once/year. • Promotion and education information only required in English and French (staff will continue to advocate for potential refinements to the promotion and education requirements to reflect Ontario's diversity).

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Management Targets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority will be required to review producers' best efforts to comply with targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Table 1 for detailed targets for each material category.

Table 1: Management Targets by Material Category

Material Category	Existing Diversion Rates (2018)*	Recovery Target Percentage 2026-2029	Recovery Target Percentage 2030 Onwards
Paper (e.g. cardboard, fine paper, box-board, et cetera)	72%	80 (90)**	85 (90)
Rigid Plastic (e.g. food jars and containers, detergent bottles, et cetera.)	48%	50 (55)	60
Flexible Plastic (e.g. grocery/retail shopping bags, produce bags, bread bags, et cetera.)	7%	25 (30)	40
Glass	68%	75	85
Metal (e.g. steel food cans, aluminum cans, et cetera.)	54%	67	75
Non-alcoholic Beverage Containers	Unknown	75	80

*2018 Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority Datacall

** The numbers in brackets represents the target proposed in the draft regulation. In each of these cases, the target was lowered slightly in the final regulation.