

Blue Box Transition Schedule:

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Explanatory Note

Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box) (the Regulation) made under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016* makes 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 Regulation transitions existing blue box services to producer responsibility in three groups between 2023 and 2025 according to the “Blue Box Transition Schedule” (the Schedule). Part One of the Schedule (see page 3) identifies eligible municipalities and local services board areas and the dates they are to transition. Producers would be responsible for transitioning communities on or before the dates contained in the schedule. Part Two of the Schedule (see page 12) identifies eligible First Nation reserves along with their transition dates.

The first group of communities transferred responsibility of their programs to producers on July 1st, 2023. By January 1, 2026, producers will be fully responsible for providing Blue Box services provincewide.

Part One: Municipalities and Local Services Board Areas

Part One lists municipalities and local services board areas with Blue Box Programs.

Producers are responsible for transitioning communities in Part One on or before the dates contained in the Schedule.

The ministry developed Part One 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. 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).

Part One 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.

Part Two: Reserves

The Regulation allows First Nations outside the Far North to opt-in to receive blue box services offered by producers.

The ministry coordinated and engaged with First Nation communities that currently have blue box programs to identify the appropriate transition date to be identified on the Schedule.

Part Two lists eligible First Nation reserves, listed by community name and reserve name, and their transition dates.

Producer responsibility organizations (PROs), who will be providing services on behalf of producers, are required to ensure that an offer of service is made to First Nation communities at least six months before the applicable transition date.

This offer will provide details about how the collection services will be provided to the First Nation. Before a PRO can begin to provide the service, the First Nation must accept the offer in accordance with the Regulation.

The reserve names listed are the names as set out on the Government of Canada's "First Nation Profiles" website. That website includes the geographic location of each reserve. Where the ministry is aware of an alternate reserve name used by the First Nation community, that name has also been included in brackets. PROs, in their interactions and agreements with each First Nation community should make every effort to use the reserve name that is preferred by the community. First Nation communities outside the Far North that are not included in the Transition Schedule will be eligible to receive producer-run blue box services beginning January 1, 2026. First Nation communities interested in receiving producer-run blue box services must first register with the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) in accordance with the Regulation.

Blue Box Transition Schedule

Part One: Municipalities and Local Services Board Areas

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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Mulmur, Township of	2023-07-01
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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Brighton, Municipality of	2024-01-01
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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Lincoln, Town of	2024-01-01
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
Pelee, Township of	2024-08-28
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
Schreiber, Township of	2024-07-01
Scugog, Township of	2024-07-01
Seguin, Township of	2024-07-01
Selwyn, Township of	2024-01-01
Severn, Township of	2024-01-01

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Shuniah, Municipality of	2024-07-01
South Huron, Municipality of	2024-04-01
Springwater, Township of	2024-01-01
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
Whitstone, 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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Bancroft, Town of	2025-07-01
Belleville, City of	2025-07-17
Billings, Township of	2025-01-01
Black River-Matheson, Township of	2025-01-01
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
Brethour, Township 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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
Faraday, Township of	2025-01-01
Fauquier-Strickland, 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
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
Harris, Township of	2025-01-01
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
Jocelyn, Township of	2025-06-01
Johnson, Township of	2025-12-31
Kapusking, 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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
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
Madoc, Township of	2025-07-17
Magnetawan, Municipality of	2025-01-01
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
Mattawan, Municipality 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
Nipigon, Township of	2025-07-01
Nipissing, Township of	2025-10-01
North Algona Wilberforce, Township of	2025-03-28
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
Peace Tree, Local Services Board of	2025-07-01
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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
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
Ryerson, Township of	2025-01-01
Sables-Spanish Rivers, Township of	2025-06-01
Saugeen Shores, Town of	2025-12-31
Smooth Rock Falls, Town of	2025-01-01
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
South Glengarry, Township of	2025-01-01
South River, Village 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
Temagami, Municipality of	2025-10-01
Temiskaming Shores, City of	2025-01-01
Thessalon, Town of	2025-12-31
Thornloe, Village 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

Eligible Community	Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
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

Part Two: Reserves

Eligible Community		Transition Date (YYYY-MM-DD)
First Nation	Reserve Name(s)	
2023		
Aamjiwnaang First Nation	Sarnia 45	2023-07-01
Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek	Sand Point First Nation	2023-07-01
Dokis First Nation	Dokis 9	2023-07-01
M'chigeeng First Nation	M'Chigeeng 22	2023-07-01
Wikwemikong Unceded Territory	Wikwemikong Unceded Reserve / (Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve)	2023-07-01
2024		
Alderville First Nation	Alderville First Nation	2024-01-01
Atikameksheng Anishnawbek	Whitefish Lake 6	2024-04-01
Batchewana First Nation	Goulais Bay 15A	2024-04-01
Batchewana First Nation	Obadijwan 15E	2024-04-01
Batchewana First Nation	Rankin Location 15D	2024-04-01
Biigtigong Nishnaabeg	Pic River 50	2024-07-01
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Chippewas of Rama First Nation	2024-01-01
Chippewas of the Thames First Nation	Chippewa of the Thames First Nation Indian Reserve	2024-04-01
Curve Lake First Nation	Curve Lake First Nation 35	2024-01-01
Garden River First Nation	Garden River 14	2024-04-01
Mississauga #8 First Nation	Mississagi River 8	2024-04-01
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Mississauga's of Scugog Island	2024-07-01
Moose Deer Point First Nation	Moose Point 79	2024-11-19
Oneida Nation of the Thames	Oneida 41	2024-04-01
Rainy River First Nations	Manitou Rapids 11 Reserve	2024-01-01
Red Rock Indian Band	Lake Helen 53A	2024-07-01
Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation	Sagamok	2024-04-01
Shawanaga First Nation	Shawanaga 17	2024-07-01
Serpent River First Nation	Serpent River 7	2024-04-01

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First Nation	Reserve Name(s)	
Wahta Mohawks	Wahta Mohawk Territory	2024-11-19
2025		
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation	Pikwakanagan	2025-07-01
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	2025-12-31
Matachewan First Nation	Matachewan 72	2025-01-01
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation	New Credit 40A	2025-09-30
Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte	Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory	2025-07-17
Nipissing First Nation	Nipissing 10	2025-07-01
Saugeen First Nation	Chief's Point 28	2025-12-31
Saugeen First Nation	Saugeen 29	2025-12-31
Sheguiandah First Nation	Sheguiandah 24	2025-07-01
Six Nations of the Grand River	Six Nations 40	2025-01-01
Temagami First Nation	Bear Island 1	2025-10-01
Wahnapiatae First Nation	Wahnapiatae First Nation	2025-04-01