

Ontario's New Blue Box System



Starting January 1, 2026, Ontario will transition to an enhanced recycling system

Ontarians will be able to recycle the same materials at the curb no matter where they are across the province, and be able to recycle more materials than ever before! This new system follows Ontario's two and a half year transition to an extended producer responsibility (EPR) framework for blue box materials.

About Ontario's transition to EPR

- In 2021, the Ontario government released the [Blue Box Regulation](#) that shifts the financial and operational responsibility of recycling programs to producers – those that supply blue box materials to residents
- As the administrator of Ontario's common collection system, Circular Materials is responsible for operating the new system for blue box materials.
- Circular Materials is committed to ensuring more materials are looped into the circular economy, benefiting both people and the environment.



About Circular Materials

[Circular Materials](#) is the administrator of Ontario's common collection system and a national not-for-profit organization building efficient and effective recycling systems where materials are collected, recycled, and returned back to producers to use as recycled content in new packaging and products.

Any questions?

Please contact communications@circularmaterials.ca.



What does this transition mean for residents?

- Ability to recycle more materials through an improved, Ontario-wide recycling system.
- Standardized list of materials to make recycling consistent throughout the province.
- Focus on a circular economy, where materials are collected, recycled and used again as recycled content in new packaging and products.
- New recycling app launching in 2026, making it easier to check collection schedules, receive service alerts, see what materials are accepted and more!



How we are enhancing Ontario's recycling system



Key partnerships that drive innovation



Improved recycling operations and infrastructure



Robust promotion and education program



An improved system where materials can be used again and again



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