

# COMING 2026

## **Blue Box Regulation Impacts:** Non-Eligible Source Recycling



Kawartha Lakes



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# Non-Eligible Source Recycling Update

## What is Extended Producer Responsibility?

- [Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box](#) was established to ensure producers of recycling are responsible for the management of these products;
- The Regulation only includes recycling from Eligible Sources and producers are not responsible for the management of Non-Eligible Sources (NES); and
- Municipalities were provided with transition dates and the full effects of the regulation begin on **January 1, 2026.**



# What is an Eligible Source vs a Non-eligible Source (NES)?

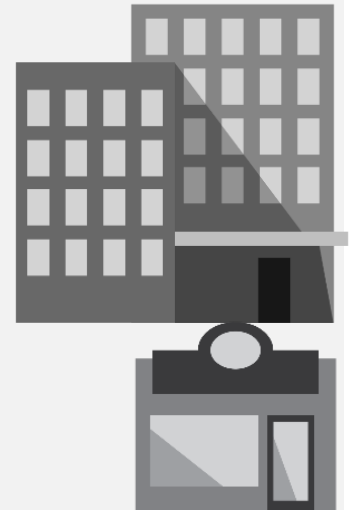
## Included: Eligible Sources

- Single family homes
- Multi-unit residential buildings;
- Seasonal dwellings;
- Public & private schools; and
- Long term care homes & retirement homes;



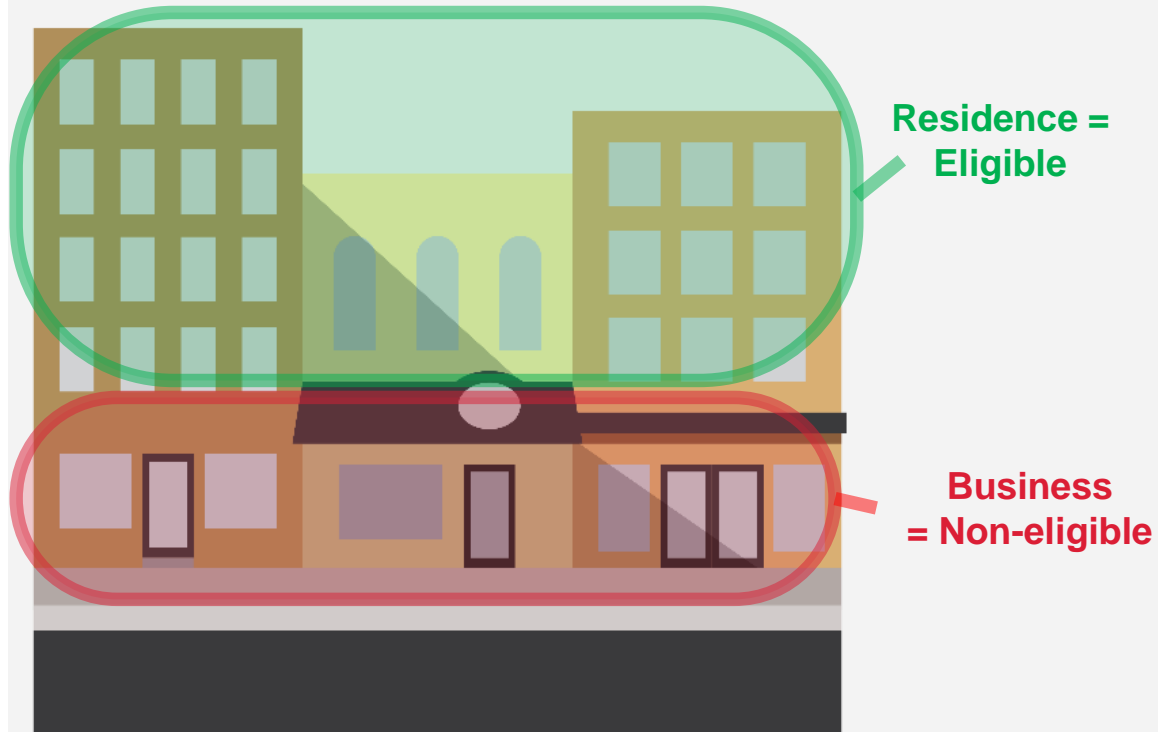
## Excluded: Non-eligible Sources

- Businesses/ Commercial Properties;
- Places of worship;
- Municipal buildings;
- Daycares;
- Commercial farms;
- Charities; and
- Some campgrounds;

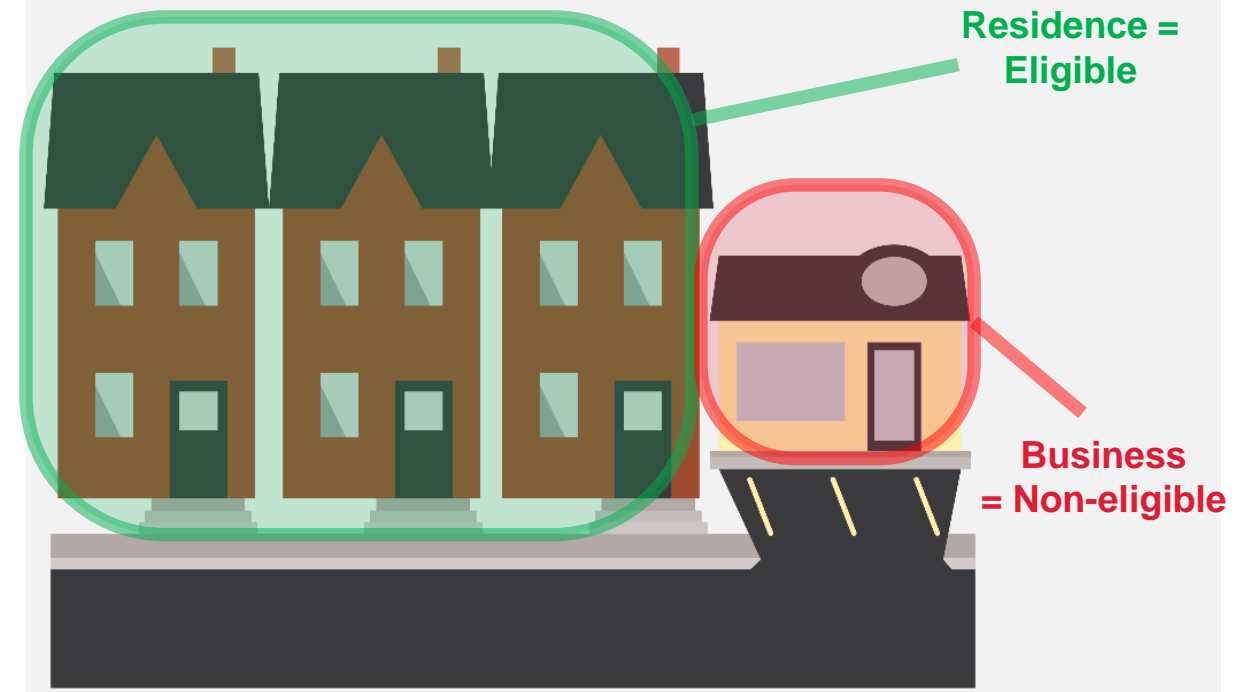


# What is an Eligible Source vs a Non-eligible Source (NES)?

## Mixed Use Properties



## Commercial Buildings Along Residential Routes



# Update on Blue Box Regulation Impacts

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## Transition Period

- **April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025** (21months)
- **CKL opted-out for curbside collection** – Producers will be fully responsible for the operation, communication & administration of the Eligible sources.
- Co-collection of Eligible sources and NES is allowed during this period

## Post Transition

- **January 1, 2026 & thereafter**
- Municipalities not fiscally or operationally responsible for the residential blue box program
- Producers will continue to be responsible for all Eligible sources.
- **NES properties no longer able to be co-collected with Eligible properties (residences).**

# Update on Blue Box Regulation

## What's happening now?

- On January 6, 2025 a letter was sent to Ontario's Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- The City requested solutions for managing NES materials; and
- Requested that amendments be made to the Blue Box Regulation to make producers responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from **all sources**.





# Update on Blue Box Regulation

## What's happening now?

- On January 28, 2025, Council received Report WM2025-001, Update on Blue Box Options for Non-Eligible Sources (NES)
- The following recommendations were carried, that as of January 1, 2026:
  - NES properties will not receive curbside collection of recycling
  - The Waste Management By-law is amended to reflect the changes
  - The City sends letters to the NES properties affected
  - Staff continue to explore alternative to support the NES properties

(resolution [CR2025-023](#))



# Update on Blue Box Regulation

## What alternatives is the City Exploring?

1. Currently working with nearby municipalities on a joint plan to collect and process recycling from the NES properties;
2. Supporting a joint private collection contract if there's enough interest from local businesses; and
3. Issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to learn about companies that may offer private recycling services to businesses. Then share that information with businesses that are interested.





# Update on Blue Box Regulation

## What's happening now?

- City's EPR webpage has been updated;
- Created a **Jump In** webpage is live;
- Survey opens **Friday**; and
- Letters mailed to NES properties to seek input and interest in the alternative options

## Key Dates



**Friday April 18, 2025**

ICI Properties Recycling Survey Start



**Friday May 02, 2025**

ICI Properties Recycling Survey End



# Update on Blue Box Regulation

## Key Takeaways:

- **January 1, 2026** recycling pickup will stop for NES properties.
- **These changes only apply to recycling.** Garbage collection will continue as usual.
- **We Want Your Feedback:** Complete the survey to have your say in the options available; and
- **Follow** the **Jump In** webpage to stay up to date with new developments.

## Blue Box Regulation Impacts to ICI Properties

Ontario government's new Blue Box Regulation and how it impacts Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) properties in Kawartha Lakes.



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For more information please visit:

[The City's EPR Webpage](#)

[Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box](#)

[WM2025-001](#) Update on Blue Box Options for  
Non-Eligible Sources

[Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority](#)

# Thank you

## Who's Listening?

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