



Blue/Red Box Recycling Program

"Transition To Producers"



INFORMATION FOR NON-ELIGIBLE SOURCES

Why is the Recycling program 'Transitioning' to Producers?

In 2021, the Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) released a new Ontario Regulation <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/210391> making Producers of recycling materials fully responsible for the disposal of their products and packaging. By taking the responsibility and cost away from the municipality and its taxpayers and transferring that to Producers, (O. Reg 391/21) supports a Circular Economy. However, on August 28, 2024, **Producers will stop providing recycling collection to certain Non-Eligible Sources (NES).**

Who is considered a NES once Recycling 'Transitions' in Essex-Windsor?

Please note: Elementary & high schools, apartments and condos are **not considered NES** and are **not** required to register.

The **definition** of a Non-Eligible Source is as follows:

- Industrial, commercial and some institutional (ICI) properties and businesses
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Municipal buildings or facilities
- Daycares
- Community centres
- Places of worship
- Commercial farms
- Post-secondary institutions (colleges, universities, etc.)
- Campgrounds or trailer parks (that don't have permanent or seasonal dwellings)
- Mixed-use property (e.g., residential apartments on top with business underneath)

If you are one of the organizations or businesses noted above, and you currently receive Recycling collection services from the EWSWA, where you are not invoiced direct by the EWSWA or any other entity for this service, you are considered a NES and are required to register to ensure you receive continued service after August 28, 2024 until December 31, 2025.

How does a NES receive Recycling collection services during 'Transition'?

If a NES is currently receiving recycling collection from the EWSWA, it must register at <https://www.ewswa.org/curbside-collection/recycling/non-eligible-sources/> from April 21- May 24, 2024, in order to continue to receive collection during 'Transition' (August 28, 2024 - December 31, 2025). Registration allows the EWSWA to responsibly schedule the appropriate recycling service for each NES during 'Transition'.

Unfortunately, if a NES does not currently receive recycling collection services from the EWSWA, they cannot be added during 'Transition'. Rather, NES can continue to drop-off their recycling at one of three EWSWA Depots - **free of charge**. Visit: <https://www.ewswa.org/drop-off-depots/> for information.

Who should NES contact for questions on the Recycling program ahead of 'Transition'?

Right now, NES should visit the EWSWA's new website as it will be up-to-date with information on 'Transition' or Post-'Transition' services for NES. This new website has a form that NES can submit for inquiries: <https://www.ewswa.org/curbside-collection/recycling/non-eligible-sources/>

When will the Recycling program 'Transition' for NES in the Essex-Windsor region?

The EWSWA will 'Transition' its recycling program for the Essex-Windsor region beginning August 28, 2024.

Will the Acceptable Materials in the current Recycling program change during 'Transition' for NES?

As of right now, during 'Transition', the following materials will no longer be accepted: books (hard and soft cover), empty aerosol spray paint containers, empty paint cans, and motor oil. Instead, NES can drop off these materials at an EWSWA Depot. <https://www.ewswa.org/drop-off-depots/>

EWSWA will continue to communicate any changes to this program once registration is complete.

What happens after 'Transition' (after December 31, 2025) to service levels for NES?

Post-Transition (January 1, 2026 and beyond): It is not yet confirmed if NES will receive Blue/Red Box collection services in Ontario. Municipalities are advocating with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to get NES included in these Regulations so that they can continue to receive collection services.

How will NES be notified of Recycling collection service changes (if any) during 'Transition' and beyond?

This is why registration by NES is crucial, as the EWSWA will be able to contact the NES direct on any changes to service levels (e.g., collection frequency/ day, collector, acceptable materials, acceptable/replacement of collection bins) during and beyond 'Transition'.

Register (from April 21- May 21, 2024) at:

<https://www.ewswa.org/curbside-collection/recycling/non-eligible-sources/>



What is the EWSWA's role in 'Transition'?

The EWSWA will work to continue to help with the diversion of valuable resources from being disposed of in the Essex-Windsor Regional Landfill. It will work to support Producers to "Transition" its municipal partners and customers so to ensure as much of a smooth transition as possible. The EWSWA will continue to offer **free** drop off of recycling materials at its three depots to promote diversion of these materials.

How can a NES stay up-to-date on Recycling during 'Transition'?

If you are currently receiving collection, your registration will keep you connected during Transition.

If you are not currently receiving collection services from the EWSWA, you can stay up-to-date on recycling services by subscribing to:

Recycle Coach App:

A free downloadable App at the Apple Store or Google Play to on your android or iPhone.

EWSWA Newsfeed:

Subscribe at: <https://www.ewswa.org/subscribe/>

