

Key Regulatory Changes

The following table summarizes the current regulations and draft regulations that are expected to impact the City’s current recycling programs.

	Current Regulation	Draft Regulation
Type of Program Operated by the Producer Responsibility Organization	A shared responsibility program where municipalities are reimbursed for up to 75% of the package and paper recycling program costs. The program currently funds 42% of the City’s residential recycling programs.	A full product stewardship program that covers 100% of costs and shifts responsibility to industry. This includes collections, processing, marketing, and education.
Services and Accessibility	No specified service levels or accessibility standards. Municipalities operate their own collection program and are reimbursed a portion of the cost.	Specified to include single unit dwellings, multi-unit dwellings, schools, and outdoor public areas including public parks, playgrounds or sidewalks. The producer responsibility organization will be required to set service level criteria.
Packaging Materials	Any packaging or container that: (i) is composed of glass, metal, paper, boxboard, cardboard, paper fibre or plastic or any combination of those materials; and (ii) contains a product; but does not include approved containers as defined in The Litter Control Act;	Any packaging or container that: (i) is composed of glass, metal, paper, boxboard, cardboard, paper fibre or plastic, including plant-based plastic , or any combination of those materials; and (ii) contains a product; A product that is ordinarily disposed of after a single use or short-term use, whether or not it could be reused, including: (i) straws and items used to stir beverages; (ii) utensils, plates, bowls and cups; (iii) party supplies; and (iv) objects purchased by or supplied to end users expressly for the purpose of protecting, containing or transporting commodities or products, including: (A) food containers; (B) foil and wraps; (C) bags; and (D) boxes

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Paper Materials	Paper of any description, including: (i) flyers; (ii) brochures; (iii) booklets; (iv) catalogues; (v) telephone directories; (vi) newspapers; (vii) magazines; (viii) paper fibre; and (ix) paper used for copying, writing or any other general use	There were no changes to the list of paper materials.
Recycling Rates, Targets, and Auditing Performance Data	Annual reporting is required by the producer responsibility organization but there are no targets. There is no requirement for the annual reporting to be audited.	The producer responsibility organization will be required to propose a target and report annually. Performance data in annual reporting will require an independent audit.
Transition and Consultation on Product Stewardship Program	Requires producer responsibility organization to outline how consultations will take place during development of program and after it is operational.	Requires an implementation schedule for phasing-in of new program and period that previously approved arrangements can continue. Public and stakeholder engagement continues to be required.