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Ontario released the new DRAFT Regulations to improve the Blue Box Program

To celebrate Waste Reduction Week 2020, Ontario has released the long awaited Draft Regulations to improve the blue box program. The enhancements include expanding the items that can be recycled and making producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the waste they create.

Today's announcement made the following clear:

- Communities that have a Blue Box program today, regardless of size, will receive mandatory servicing by producers in the future.
- The program will be required to expand to all communities (with the exception of the far north) along with schools, long term care and retirement homes, parks and public spaces by 2026.
- Input from municipal governments about when they desired to transition was accommodated as much as possible, but not in all cases.

We will be reviewing the Draft Regulation in more detail in order to keep you informed.

In the meantime, please click on the following link: [ERO 019-2579](#) to view the Proposal Summary and to save you some time, please click on the following supporting documents [Map and Geographic Groupings](#); [Blue Box Transition Schedule Explanatory Note](#) and [Draft BB Regulation](#).

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