

Blue Box Transition – Outreach

Changes to Recycling Services for Non-Eligible Properties

The Town of Hanover is writing to inform you of important changes to local recycling collection as a result of the Province of Ontario's Blue Box Transition Program.

Effective January 1, 2026, recycling collection will no longer be provided to properties or organizations that have been deemed non-eligible under the provincial guidelines. This includes certain commercial, industrial, and institutional properties. This change is part of a province-wide shift to a producer responsibility model for recycling. Under this new model, producers of packaging and printed paper will be responsible for the operation and funding of Blue Box programs. Please note that this decision was made by the Province of Ontario, not the Town of Hanover.



As a result, your organization will be responsible for managing your own recycling. You have the following options:

1. Arrange for private collection services through a waste management provider of your choice.
2. Transport recyclable materials directly to an appropriate recycling facility

We understand that this change may be inconvenient, and we encourage you to begin making arrangements in advance of the transition date to ensure there is no disruption in your recycling practices. Additional information about the Blue Box Transition Program can be found on the Province of Ontario's website or by visiting <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/210391>

Town staff encourage participation to all businesses in Hanover to complete the **recycling survey** by **September 18th** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hanoverblueboxprogram> please let staff know about your recycling trends and potential impacts.