

# Update Bulletin: Waste Free Ontario Act

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## What's Happening With Tires?

Under the Waste Free Ontario Act (WFOA), four programs are currently being transitioned towards an individual producer responsibility model: Used Tires, Waste Electronics & Electrical Equipment, Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste, and Blue Box.

### Used Tires Program

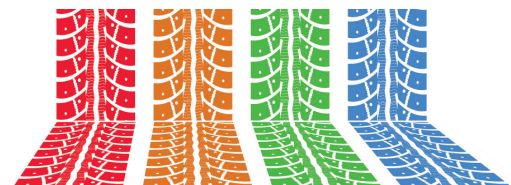
The first program being transitioned is used tires. The Ontario Tire Stewardship (OTS) wound up its operations on December 31, 2018. A new tire regulation came into effect January 1, 2019. Under the new regulation tire producers are required to meet **mandatory collection** and **management** targets. Collection refers to collecting used tires at their end of life. Management refers to reusing, retreading or turning tires into allowable processed materials. Producers have the option of setting up and managing their own collection and management systems or engaging the services of a producer responsibility organization (PRO). Registration remains open for new haulers and collectors only.

Each Producer is responsible for

**85%**

**Collection Target** in weight of tires placed in market (prior year)

**Management Target** of tires collected each year



### Previous Regulation

Materials	New & Used Tires
Responsible Operator	OTS
Funding	Producers paid fee/tire to OTS
Target(s)	None
<b>Impact on Municipalities</b>	
Obligation to Collect	None
Common Practice	Collect at WDS - OTS pick up
Process	Register as collector with OTS
Financial	Rebate from OTS per tire collected
Advantages	Service to residents and revenue source

### WFOA

Materials	Same
Responsible Operator	Producers or PRO
Funding	Producers fund system
Target(s)	Collection: 85% (3 year average) Management: 85% of collected
<b>Impact on Municipalities</b>	
Obligation to Collect	None
Common Practice	Redirect to local collectors or Collect as service to residents
Process	Sign up with PRO for pick-up
Financial	Rebate dependent on negotiation with PRO (not guaranteed)
Advantages	Service to residents

### [Compliance Bulletin No. 6 – Municipal Tire Collection Sites](#)

Provides guidance on the requirements for tire collection.

[RPA Website](#) includes a list of PROs with contact information and a [map](#) of registered collector sites. Municipalities not collecting tires can use this map as a resource to direct residents to drop off sites.

