2012 Blue Box Rules Q&A

Under the new 2012 Rules when will my 2012 report be due?

A: Stewards' 2012 reports will be due to Stewardship Ontario on July 31, 2012, which will provide you with an extra four months to verify your data and complete your report.

What data will I use to report in 2012?

A: You will report your 2011 sales data to Stewardship Ontario by July 31, 2012.

When will I know what my 2012 payment is?

A: You can calculate your 2012 payment obligation now because the quantities you reported in 2011 will be applied to the 2012 Rules and Fee Schedule. In 2012 Stewardship Ontario will be invoicing you based on your 2010 data, (i.e., the data you reported in 2011). This change means stewards will know in the fall what their obligation is for the coming year, making annual budgeting much easier. It will also help to mitigate year-to-year fee fluctuations caused by stewards over and under reporting their sales data after the fee rates have been set.

When will I receive my first invoice in 2012 and when will payment be due?

A: The first invoice, representing 25% of fees owing, will be emailed to stewards on April 1, 2012 and payment will be due April 30, 2012. The 2012 reporting and payment schedule is also available in Appendix C of the 2012 Blue Box Rules here.

In 2011 I reported on my 2010 sales data, does this mean the fees I pay in 2012 will be based on my 2010 sales data again?

A: Yes, your 2012 invoices will be calculated based on your 2010 data (i.e., that data you reported in 2011) because 2012 will be a transition year from the old way to the new way that stewards' invoices are calculated. Thereafter, Stewardship Ontario will calculate your obligation based on the previous year's sales data.

When and how can I see a copy of my Submission Detail Report for the 2012 invoice year?

A: Your Submission Detail Report outlining your kilos by material, applicable fee rate and total payment obligation will be available to view on the WeRecycle portal by February 1, 2012.

Adjustments were made to my 2010 data after I initially reported last year. How will Stewardship Ontario calculate my 2012 invoice?

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A: Stewardship Ontario will ensure that adjustments to stewards' invoices are taken into account. We will add the debit adjustments, subtract any credit adjustments and then multiply your resulting 2010 quantities by the 2012 fee rates.

How can I verify that Stewardship Ontario used the correct quantities to calculate my 2012 invoice?

A: For stewards who submitted their 2011 reports (i.e., their 2010 data) and made no adjustments in 2011, simply navigate to the Print Report Page on the WeRecycle portal. The "2011 Invoice Year" report is the one you submitted in 2011. Please compare it to the "2012 Invoice Year" report and you should find that they are identical.

For stewards who submitted their 2011 reports and made report adjustments (debits and/or credits), your "2012 Invoice Year" report will be the total of your original submitted report plus any report adjustments made in 2011. If you have any questions about the "2012 Invoice Year" please call a Steward Services Representative at 1.888.288.3360 or 416-323-0101.

If I was not obligated in 2011, but I became obligated in 2012, when am I required to report and pay stewardship fees?

A: For reporting:

Your 2012 report is required by July 31, 2012. You will report your 2011 sales data. This will determine what, if any, fees will be due in 2013.

For fee payment:

If you were not obligated in 2011 based on your 2010 sales data then you are not required to pay fees in 2012 because the payment is based on the 2010 sales data.