



Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program Wind Up: Final Steps for Single-use Battery Service Providers and Municipalities

BACKGROUND

As per Ministerial direction, Stewardship Ontario is to wind up the Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program on June 30, 2021, with the program for single-use batteries winding up first on June 30, 2020. Upon wind up, materials collected under the MHSW program will be managed according to an individual producer responsibility framework under the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*.

After extensive consultations with MHSW stakeholders, the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority (RPRA) approved Stewardship Ontario's [MHSW Wind Up Plan](#) in December, 2019.

This document serves as a summary of wind up steps for MHSW single-use battery service providers and municipalities.

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

Single-use batteries collected by the program termination date of **June 30, 2020** are eligible for program incentives. Please submit claims on the [WeRecycle Portal](#) by **August 31, 2020**. Stewardship Ontario will not have the ability or authority to continue any payments after the timelines stated in the approved MHSW Wind Up Plan have passed.

The below table outlines the key cut-off dates for the final portion of the MHSW single-use battery program.

Date	Activity
June 30, 2020	Termination date of single-use battery program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Materials collected by June 30, 2020 are eligible for transportation and processing incentives. - Municipalities are eligible for single-use battery related incentives (depot hours and collection events). - All Orange Drop branding should be removed from collection sites and depots. - For municipalities that receive depot hour payments, the battery portion of those payments will end.
July 15, 2020	Deadline for pick-up (by approved transporters) of single-use batteries that were collected by June 30.
August 31, 2020	Final submission deadline for municipal incentive claims occurring prior to June 30, 2020 (e.g. MHSW collection events). Final submission deadline for service provider battery incentive claims.

MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the MHSW Wind Up webpage for all information related to the implementation of the approved MHSW Wind Up Plan: StewardshipOntario.ca/MHSW-WindUp.

Questions related to the wind up of the single-use battery program can be sent to mhswwindup@stewardshipontario.ca.

For information related to the new single-use battery framework and regulations, please visit the [RPRA website](#).