



Municipal Hazardous or Special Waste (MHSW) Program Wind Up: Final Steps for Single-use Battery Stewards

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 stewards.

SUMMARY OF KEY DATES

The below table outlines the key steward dates as we wind up the MHSW single-use battery program. Steward reports will continue to be available on the [WeRecycle Portal](#) until the program winds up completely in 2021. Stewards will be notified before access to reports is removed.

Date	Activity
April 30, 2020	Q2 invoice issued to stewards.
May 31, 2020	Q2 invoice payment due.*
June 30, 2020	Termination date of single-use battery program.
July 31, 2020	Final supply report for Q2 data (April 1 – June 30, 2020) due. Note: for data completeness and the transfer of data to RPRA, we’re required to collect a final supply report.
August 31, 2020	Final 2020 supply report adjustment requests due.
September 30, 2020	Q3 invoice and Annual True Up (ATU) issued to stewards.
October 31, 2020	Q3 invoice payment due.*

**In light of recent events with the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made a temporary change to the application of interest for late payment of invoices. To assist those stewards who are unable to meet payment deadlines, the grace period for the application of interest is being extended to 90 days (from 30 days in the Penalty and Interest Policy).*

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](#).