

# RPRA Program Updates

**Presentation for the First Nations Land  
Management Resource Centre**

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# So, who is RPRA?

A.



B.



C.



D.



A landscape of rolling green hills under a bright sky with a sun low on the horizon. The sun is positioned in the center of the horizon, creating a warm glow and casting long, soft shadows across the fields. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, with some wispy clouds. The foreground is dominated by a lush green field, possibly a crop field, with a path or furrow visible. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

A circular economy today for a  
waste-free tomorrow

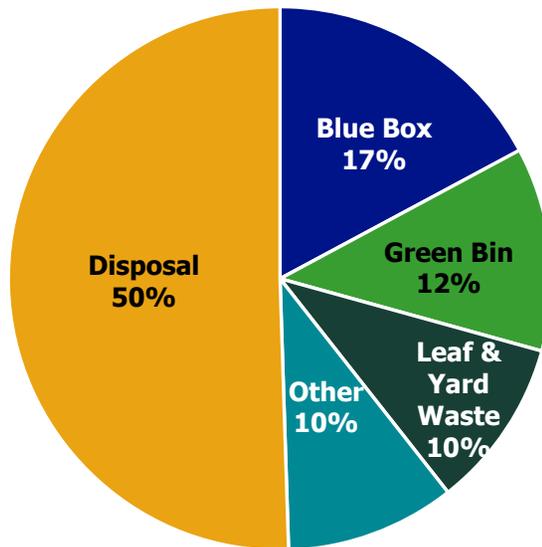
A group of approximately eight people, mostly wearing yellow hard hats and high-visibility safety vests (orange and yellow-green), are walking away from the camera through a recycling facility. They are surrounded by large stacks of compressed waste. One person on the left is holding a red octagonal stop sign. The background shows industrial equipment and more stacks of waste.

Our mission: enforce producer responsibility

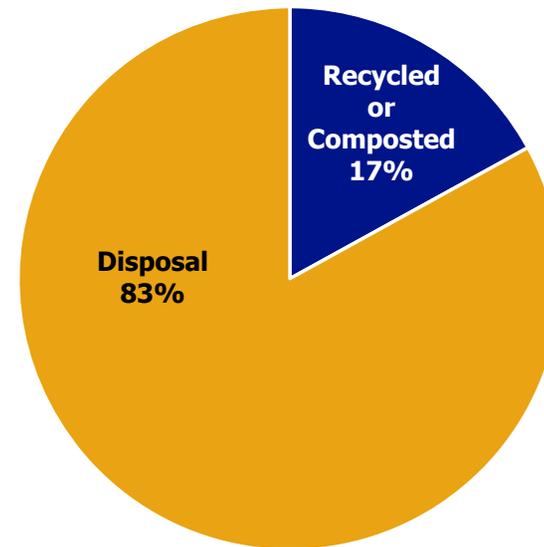
and advocate for the circular economy  
to spur innovation and protect the environment

# Current diversion rates

Households



Industry



# Reducing Litter and Waste in Our Communities discussion paper

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released its discussion paper in Spring 2019

## Four goals:

- **Prevent and reduce litter**
- **Improve Blue Box recycling opportunities (e.g. one list of materials)**
- **Make producers responsible for their waste**
  - **Transition existing programs to Individual Producer Responsibility**
  - **Add new material categories (textiles, carpets)**
- **Reduce and Recover Food and Organic Waste (expand Green Bin program)**

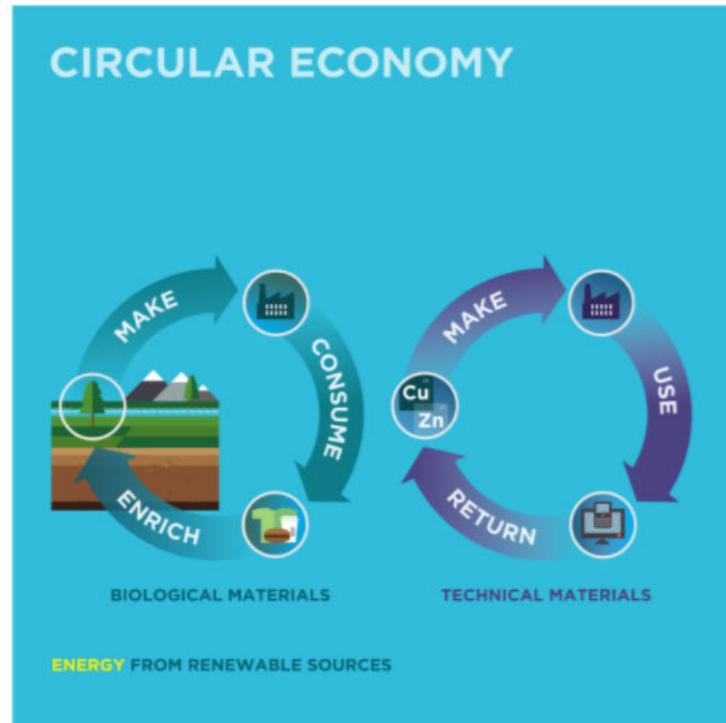
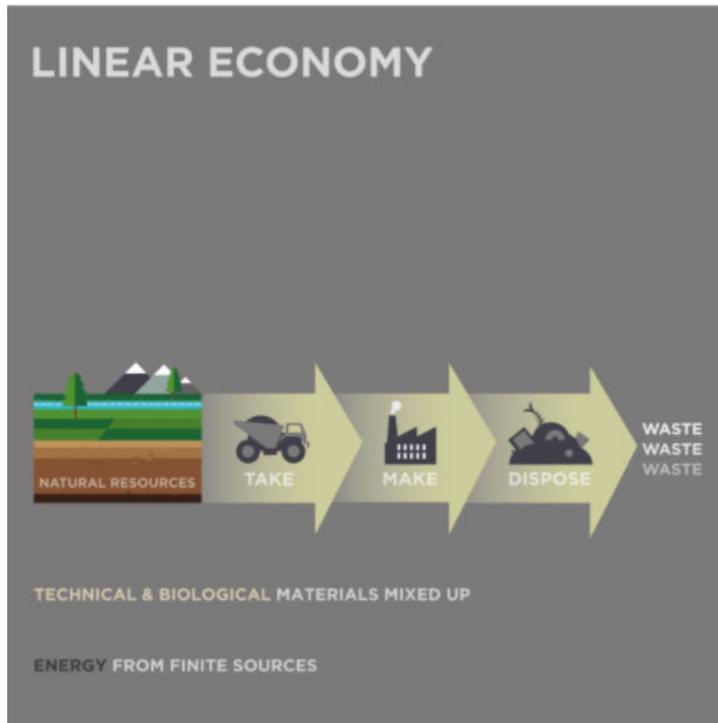
# **Not only an environmental benefit**

**Recycling and composting create jobs and economic development**

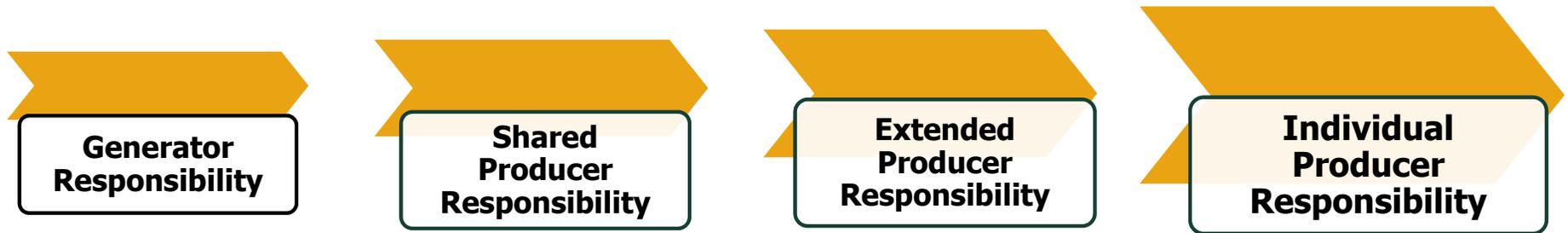
**Each 1000 tonnes of waste diverted from landfills to recycling creates:**

- **7 new jobs**
- **\$360,000 in wages**
- **\$700,000 in GDP**

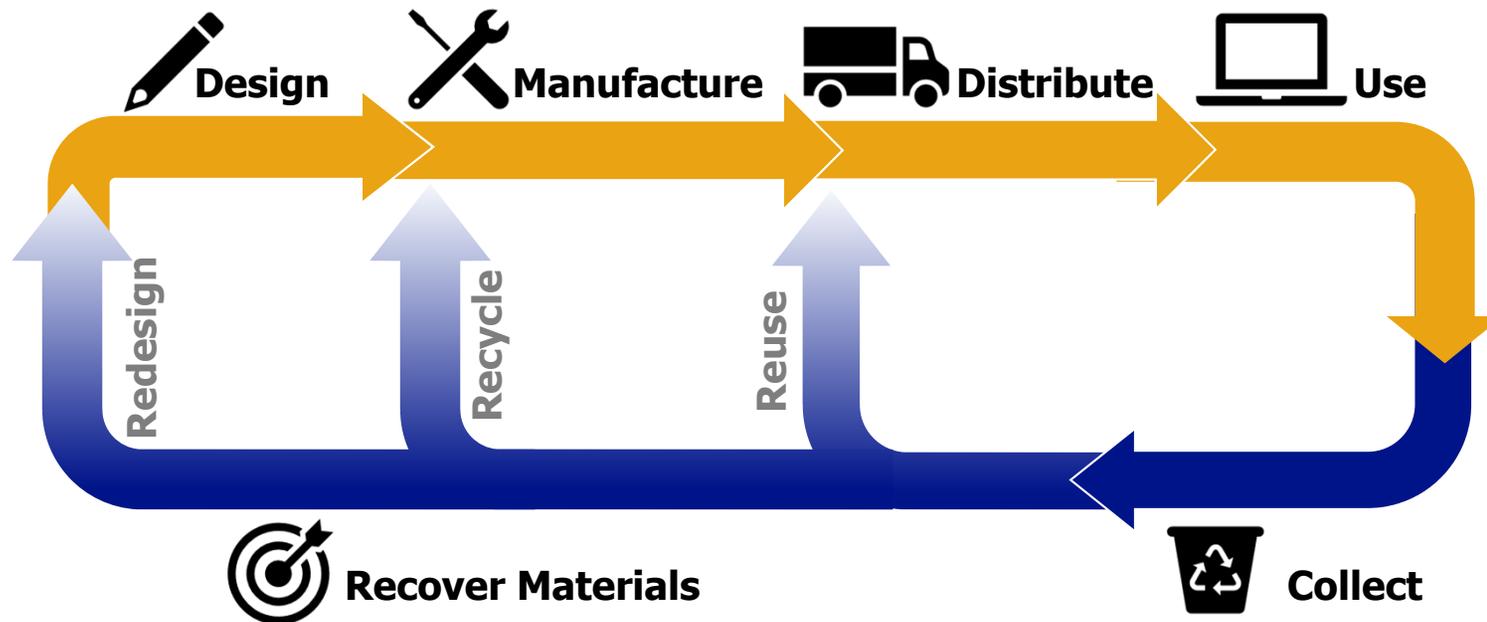
# From a linear economy to a circular economy



# Transition to Individual Producer Responsibility



# How Individual Producer Responsibility works



Producers have mandatory, enforceable targets to ensure their products and packaging are diverted from landfills



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65 ELIZABETH II, 2016

## Bill 151

*(Chapter 12  
Statutes of Ontario, 2016)*

**An Act to enact the Resource Recovery  
and Circular Economy Act, 2016  
and the Waste Diversion  
Transition Act, 2016 and to repeal  
the Waste Diversion Act, 2002**

**The Hon. G. Murray**  
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

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## Projet de loi 151

*(Chapitre 12  
Lois de l'Ontario de 2016)*

**Loi édictant la Loi de 2016  
sur la récupération des ressources  
et l'économie circulaire  
et la Loi transitoire de 2016  
sur le réacheminement des déchets  
et abrogeant la Loi de 2002  
sur le réacheminement des déchets**

**L'honorable G. Murray**  
Ministre de l'Environnement et de l'Action  
en matière de changement climatique

# Purpose of the Acts

## Waste Diversion Act, 2002

To promote the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste and to provide for the development, implementation and operation of waste diversion programs

The goal of the WDA was 'diversion from landfills'

## Waste-free Ontario Act, 2016

To build a resource recovery and waste reduction system that works towards a waste-free, circular economy

Circular economy is a much broader goal that goes beyond landfill avoidance, including:

- waste prevention,
- reducing GHGs,
- maximal and best use of resources, and
- stimulating a green economy

# Before... and after

## Waste Diversion Act, 2002

### Producer Responsibility:

- **Share responsibility for cost of Blue Box 50/50 with First Nations and Municipalities.**
- **First Nations and Municipalities operate Blue Box**

### Discharging Responsibility:

- **Required to join an single Industry Funding Organization (IFO)**

## Waste-free Ontario Act, 2016

### Producers/Brand Holder Responsibility:

- **May be responsible for 100% of Blue Box costs and operations**
- **Municipalities a service provider or delegate operations to producers**

### Discharging Responsibility:

- **Can voluntarily join a (competitive) Producer Responsibility Organization, or remain independent**

# What are the current programs that RPRA oversees?



**Used tires**



**Household  
hazardous  
waste**



**Waste  
electronics**



**Blue Box**

# Current producer responsibility programs in Ontario

	<b>Producer funded</b>	<b>Consumer fee</b>
<b>Tires</b>	<b>100% (IPR)</b>	<b>Visible</b>
<b>Electronics</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Visible</b>
<b>Hazardous or Special Waste</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>Included in price</b>
<b>Blue Box packaging and paper</b>	<b>50% (households)</b>	<b>Included in price</b>

# Possible future producer responsibility programs

	Producer/Generator or funded	Consumer fee
Tires	100% IPR	Visible
Electronics	100% IPR	Visible
Appliances and lighting	100% IPR	Included in price
Hazardous or Special Waste including all batteries	100% IPR	Included in price
Blue Box	100% IPR	Included in price
Mattresses	100% IPR	?
Carpets	100% IPR	?
Textiles	100% IPR	?
Food and Organics	100% Generators	?
Industrial, commercial and institutional waste	100% Generators	?

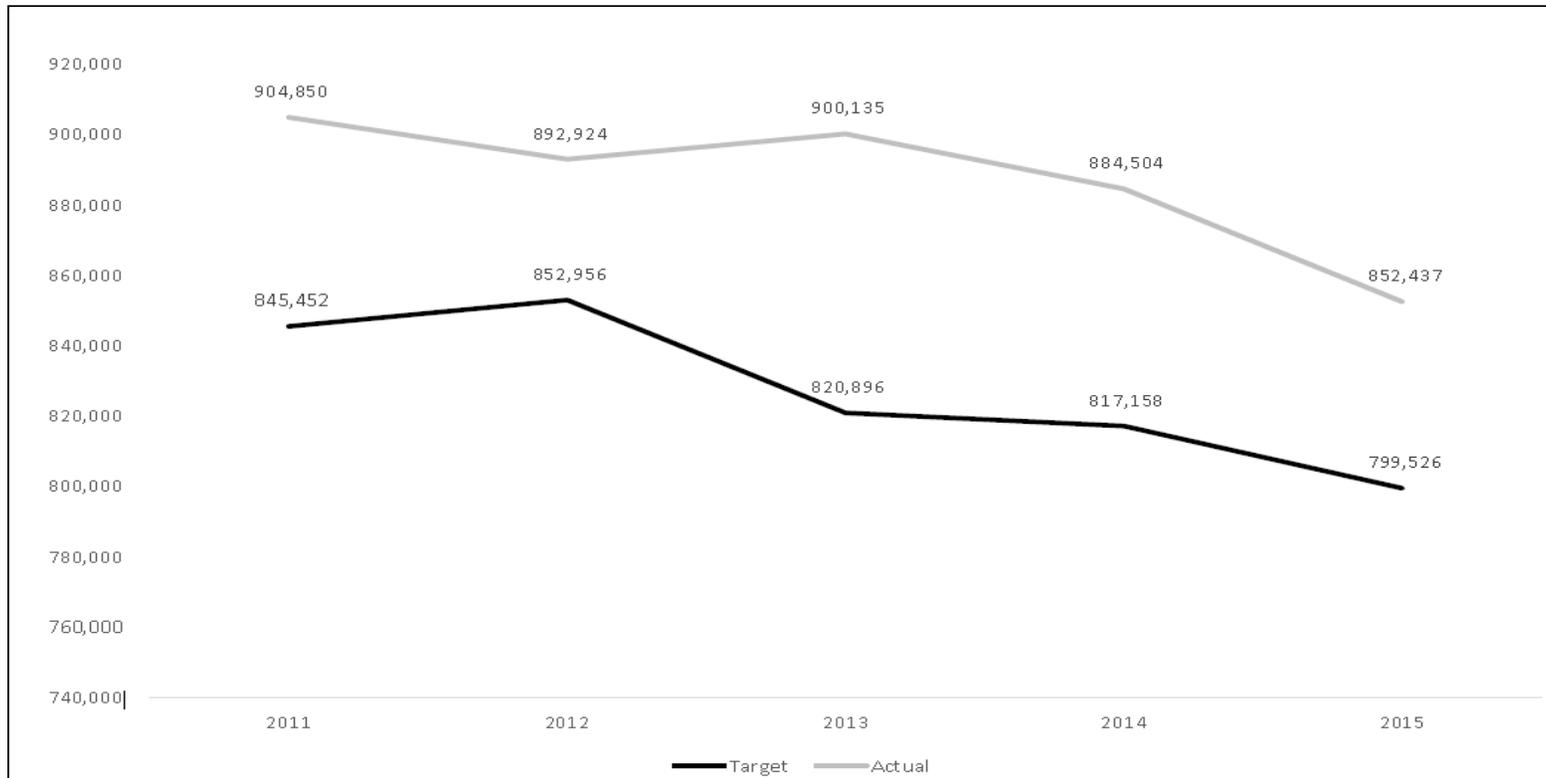
# WDTA programs wind up summary

	Letter	Plan Due	Approval	Termination
Tires	✓	✓	✓	December 31, 2018
Electronics	✓	December 31, 2018	August, 2019	December 31, 2020
Batteries	✓	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	June 30, 2020
MHSW	✓	September 30, 2019	December 31, 2019	June 30, 2021
Blue Box	?	?	?	?

# Blue Box Program



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# Participating Ontario First Nations Communities

2017/2018

**Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation**

**Alderville First Nation**

**Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First**

**Moose Dear Point**

**Serpent River First Nations**

**Wiwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve**

**Walpole Island First Nation**

**Matachewan First Nation**

**Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte**

**Curve Lake First Nation**

**Nipissing First Nation**

**Beausoleil First Nation**

**Rainy River First Nations**

**Temagami First Nation**

**Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation**

**Six Nations**

**Algonquins of Pikwakanagan**

**Chippewas of the Thames First Nation**

**Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation**

**Batchewana First Nations Ojibways**

**Chippewas of Nawash First Nation**

**Chippewas of Rama First Nation**

**Akwesasne, Mohawk Council of**

**Fort Willian First Nation**

# First Nations Blue Box funding

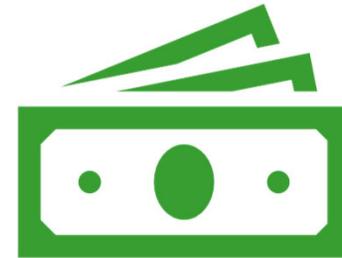
24 First Nations communities receive Blue Box funding from Producers:



**11,400**  
households

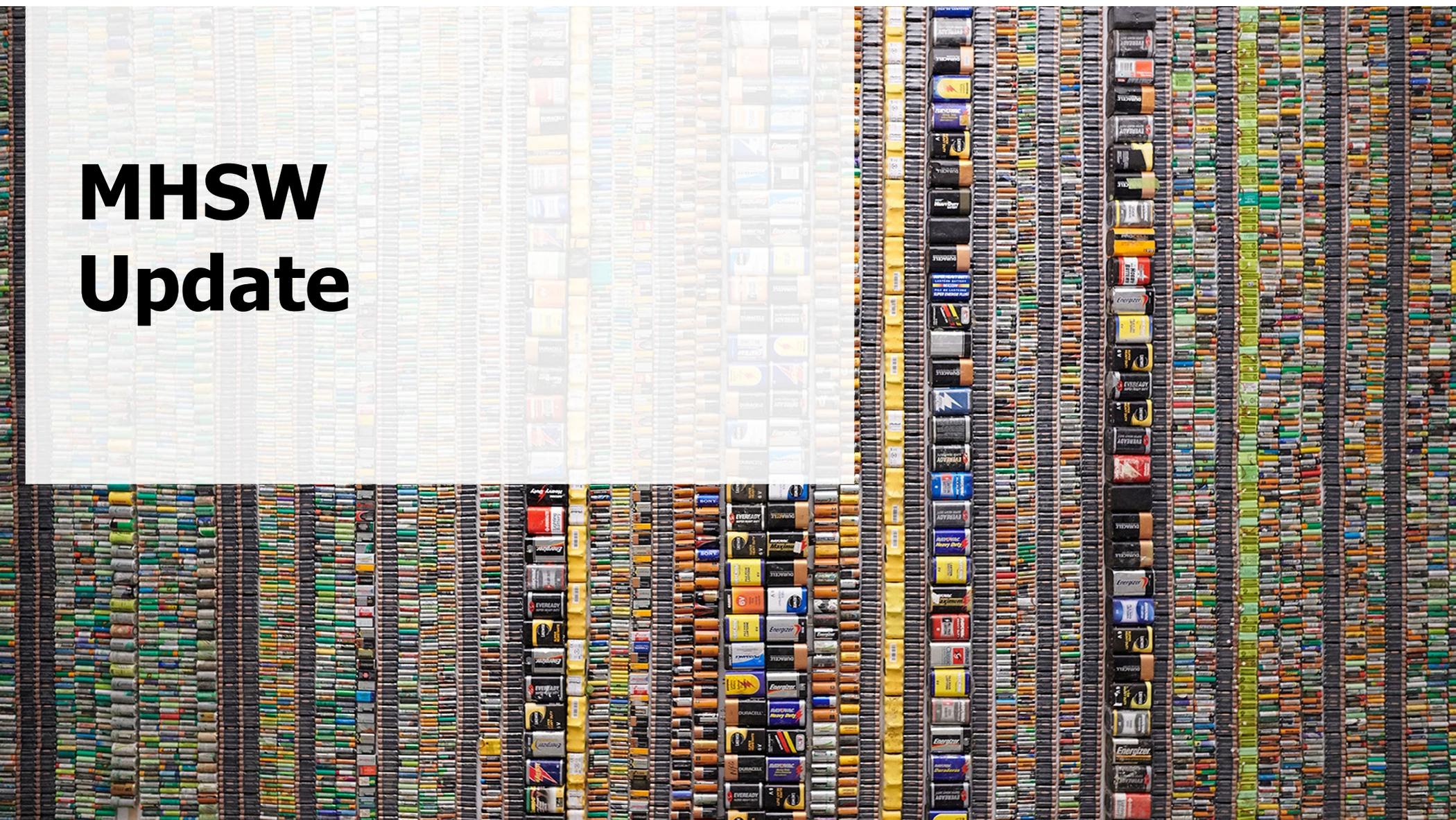


**1256**  
tonnes of Blue Box  
recycling



**\$252,000**  
funding, \$22 per  
household

# MHSW Update



# Electronics Update





# Tires Wind Up Status



# Thank You