

Nova Scotia Transition to EPR for Packaging and Paper Products

Community Resource Guide



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Nova Scotia's EPR Regulation

- On August 2, 2023, the Nova Scotia [Extended Producer Responsibility Regulation](#) was approved for packaging, paper products and packaging like products.
- The Regulation outlines program requirements, targets, and timelines.
- Circular Materials is operating as the not- for-profit producer responsibility organization (PRO) in Nova Scotia that supports producers in meeting their obligations under the Regulation.

Transition Operational Models

OPT-IN SERVICE MODEL

Community will continue managing current recycling **collection**.



Payment provided by Circular Materials based on a **cost per stop**.



Community will manage **customer service** under current contract.



Community will continue to **manage P&E** with support from Circular Materials, and a top-up will be provided for P&E and contract administration.



OPT-OUT SERVICE MODEL

Circular Materials will manage **collection** for the recycling program.

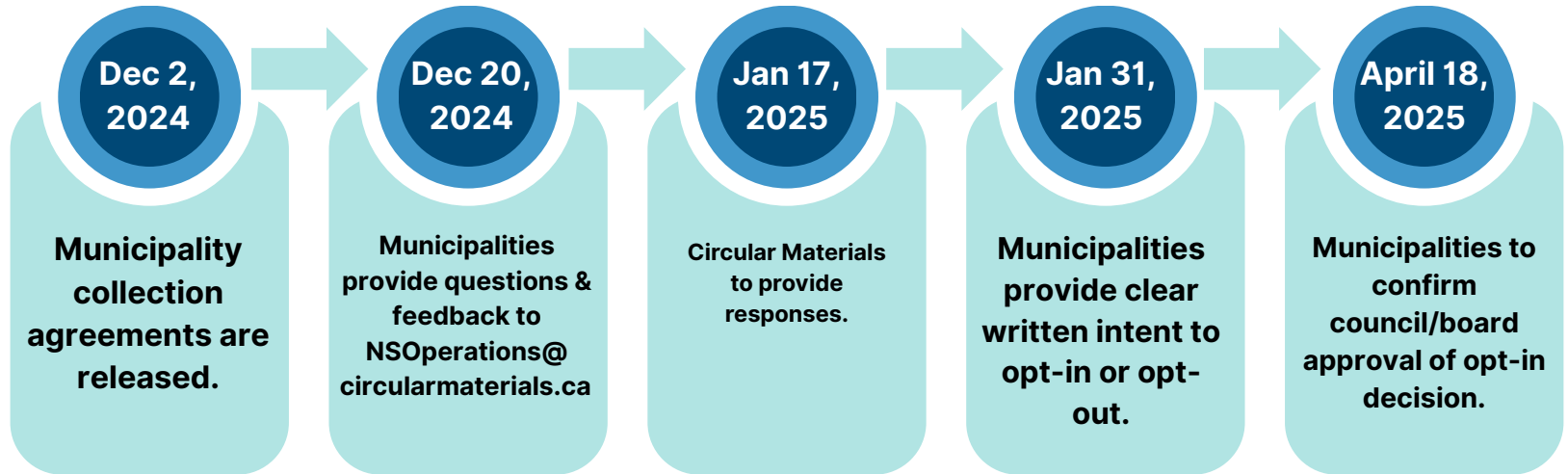
Circular Materials will negotiate directly with a **collection service provider** and administer the **collection contract**.

The **collection service provider** will be responsible for **customer service**, with escalated inquiries managed by Circular Materials.

Circular Materials will directly **lead P&E** in **collaboration with the community**.

Nova Scotia Community Deadlines & Actions

Launch December 1, 2025



Financial Offers

During collection agreement review, Circular Materials will make financial offers:

- Consist of cost per stop for eligible sources.
- Include consideration for administration, P&E, and customer service.
- Basis includes financial data provided by municipalities to Divert NS and through commercial discussions with individual municipalities.

