

Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit
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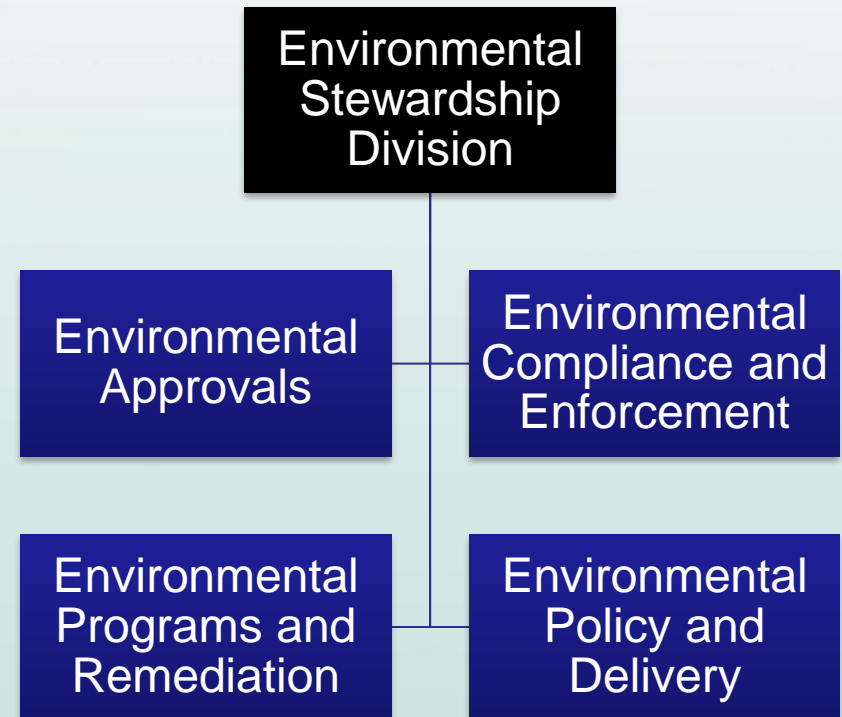


Main points today

- Who are we
 - The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act
 - WRARS revenue
- Updates
 - Transition to a full industry-funded blue bin program (MMSM transition)
 - Amendments to the Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation
 - Amendments to The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act - the waste reduction and recycling support levy
 - Construction, Renovation and Demolition Task Force
- Questions and answers

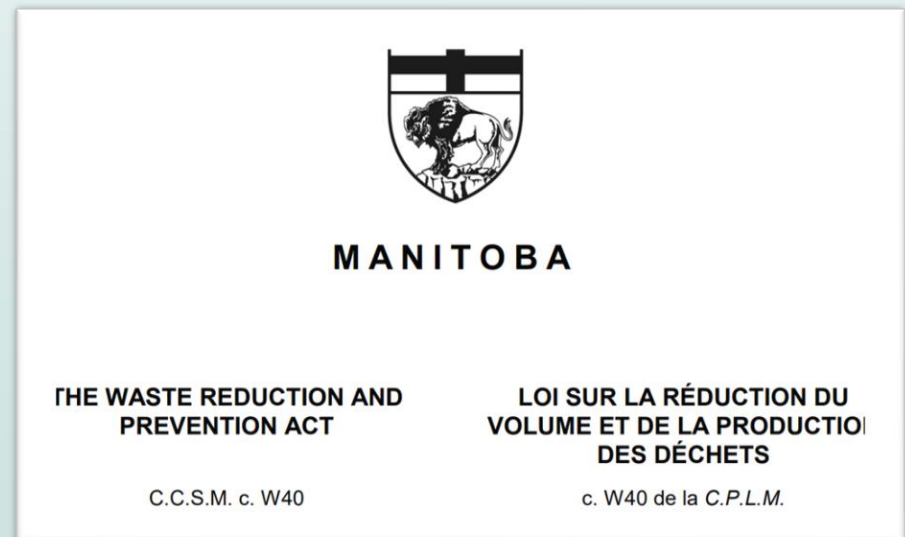
Who are we

- The Environmental Policy and Delivery Unit is responsible for programming and regulatory oversight related to The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act and its stewardship regulations.
- The unit sits within the Environmental Stewardship Division of the Department of Environment and Climate Change.



Waste Reduction and Prevention Act

- Designates materials with the potential to become waste and develop regulatory requirements that support the reduction and prevention of waste in the province.
- Industry is responsible for end-of-life management of their products through government-approved programs (extended producer responsibility model – “polluter pays”).
- Landfills pay waste reduction and recycling support levy of \$10 per tonne on waste.



Waste Reduction and Recycling Support Revenue

\$8.7M for waste diversion and recycling programming and initiatives

- 80% of funding (~\$7M) to >130 municipalities and Northern communities to promote blue bin recycling
- 20% of funding (~\$1.7M) supports waste diversion and promotes the development of a circular economy in Manitoba:
 - \$875K for municipal and private compost facilities
 - \$700K for safe disposal of municipal household hazardous waste
 - \$50K for education and engagement on waste diversion and circular economy
 - \$120K for new initiatives, pilots, and education

Diversion of over 130,000 tonnes of waste from landfills



Update: Transition to a full industry-funded blue bin program

- The transition will create cost savings for municipalities and communities, standardize recycling services and materials collected across the province and increase the types of blue bin materials collected.
- An advisory committee discussed how to support a smooth transition, with no disruption to services.
- Next steps:
 - MMSM will revise the transition plan and resubmit to the department
 - The department will post it for public review
 - The department will submit the finalized transition plan to the Minister for decision

Update: Amendments to the Household Hazardous Material and Prescribed Material Stewardship Regulation

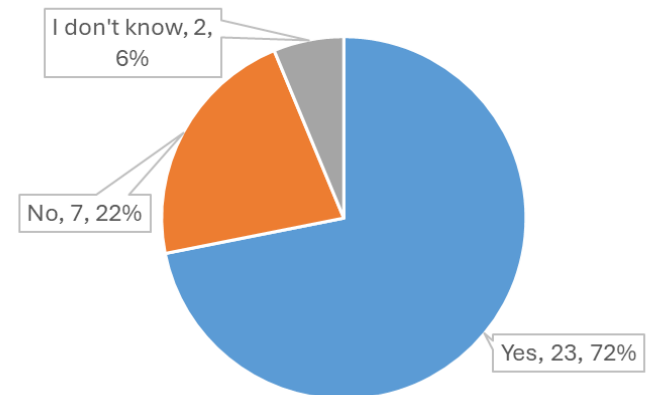
- The Regulation requires industry to take responsibility for the entire lifecycle of designated materials they place on the market.
- No new materials have been added to the Regulation in 13 years.
- Designating new materials will shift waste management costs from taxpayers to polluters.
- The department has been consulting many partners about the regulatory amendments.
- A public engagement will be coming to EngageMB.



Update: Amendments to The Waste Reduction and Prevention Act: WRARS Levy

- Landfill owners pay a disposal levy of \$10 per tonne on waste twice each year:
 - January 1 to June 30
 - July 1 to December 31
- The proposed amendment is to collect the levy once a year:
 - January 1 to December 31
- Consultations with impacted partners are completed.
- The amendment will reduce the administrative burden for landfill owners and the department.
- The department will inform landfill owners once the amendment goes into force.
- First Nations are exempt from the levy.

Q4. Do you support a switch to an annual levy payment (January 1 to December 31), with payment and reports due the following January 31?



Update: Construction, Renovation and Demolition Task Force

- **Goal:** To explore options for improving the management of CRD waste in Manitoba that promote a circular economy, divert CRD materials from landfills, preserve finite natural resources, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Participation:** Public and private partners
 - Five different provincial departments
 - Association of Manitoba Municipalities
 - City of Winnipeg
 - John Q Public
 - Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
 - Manitoba Home Builders Association
 - Winnipeg Construction Association
 - Winnipeg Metropolitan Region
- **Outcome:** Report to the Minister with recommendations



- **Priority categories:**
 - Concrete and aggregate
 - Asphalt pavement and asphalt-based roofing shingles
 - Unpainted, untreated, uncontaminated wood (lumber, oriented strand board, plywood)
 - Unpainted, untreated, uncontaminated drywall (gypsum board)
 - Metals (ferrous, aluminum, copper, other)

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