

Municipal Groups for 2008 Blue Box Funding

The Blue Box Program Plan for the Province of Ontario is the sum of the individual municipal recycling programs that exist across the Province. There is significant diversity in the nature and type of municipalities across the Province, as well as in the recycling programs provided by those municipalities.

Recognizing this diversity but also recognizing the need to evaluate and compare program effectiveness and efficiency, municipalities and associations participating in the Municipal Datacall have been placed into municipal groups. In 2006, the Municipal-Industry Program Committee (MIPC) revised the municipal groups to ensure that:

- The delineation of the population and population density criteria between groups was complimentary so that the full range of population densities and populations fit into groups (e.g. a population density criteria of <4 fit with another group with a population density criteria of >4); and
- Programs in 'depot' groups that had implemented curbside collection services in 2004 and 2005 were placed in 'curbside' groups. Following completion of the 2006 Municipal Datacall, municipal groups for programs reporting a shift from depot service to curbside service were also adjusted.

To ensure equity and transparency, MIPC re-organized the municipal groups based on two primary and two secondary criteria:

- Primary criteria
 - Population
 - Population density
- Secondary criteria
 - Location (north or south)
 - Type of service (curbside or depot)

In order to ensure that population and population density data are comparable, the most current Statistics Canada data are utilized consistently for all programs. As Stats Can updates these data, Waste Diversion Ontario will also update the population and population density data used as the basis for the municipal groups. Stats Can 2001 census data for population and population density were utilized for municipal groups prior to and including the 2005 Municipal Datacall. Stats Can 2006 census data were utilized to update municipal groups for the 2006 Municipal Datacall.

For programs with population less than 50,000 and a population density less than 4, the municipal groups have been further subdivided based on:

- geographic location into 'north' and 'south' as defined by O. Reg. 101/94; and
- type of service into depot only and curbside (which may also include depot).

The following municipal groups will be utilized for comparing effectiveness and efficiency of programs based on data compiled in the 2006 Municipal Datacall.

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Large Urban

- Population greater than 250,000
- Population density greater than 4

Urban Regional

- Population greater than 250,000
- Population density less than 4

Medium Urban

- Population between 50,000 and 250,000
- Population density greater than 3

Rural Regional

- Population between 50,000 and 250,000
- Population density less than 3

Small Urban

- Population less than 50,000
- Population density greater than 4

Rural Collection South

- Population less than 50,000
- Population density less than 4
- Located in the “South” as defined by O. Reg. 101/94
- Provide curbside collection service for Blue Box materials

Rural Depot South

- Population less than 50,000
- Population density less than 4
- Located in the “South” as defined by O. Reg. 101/94
- Provide only depot collection service for Blue Box materials

Rural Collection North

- Population less than 50,000
- Population density less than 4
- Located in the “North” as defined by O. Reg. 101/94
- Provide curbside collection service for Blue Box materials

Rural Depot North

- Population less than 50,000
- Population density less than 4
- Located in the “North” as defined by O. Reg. 101/94
- Provide only depot collection service for Blue Box materials