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## **The Waste-Free Ontario Act: Implementation**

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# Purpose

## Overview:

- Ontario's New Framework
- 2017-2018 Implementation Agenda
  - Empower Authority
  - Program Transition and Wind-up
  - Used Tire Producer Responsibility Regulations
  - Food and Organic Waste
- 2018 and Beyond

# Ontario's New Framework

## WASTE-FREE ONTARIO FRAMEWORK

### WASTE-FREE ONTARIO ACT

#### RESOURCE RECOVERY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACT

- Establish the Provincial Interest
- Establish new producer responsibility regime
- Establishes a new Authority with new powers and accountability

#### WASTE DIVERSION TRANSITION ACT

- Govern operation of existing programs and their wind-up
- Govern wind-up of Industry Funding Organizations (IFOs)

### WASTE-FREE ONTARIO STRATEGY

- Sets vision, goals and objectives
- Articulates key government actions
- Identifies performance measures to measure progress

# Strategy for a Waste-Free Ontario: Vision and Goals

## Vision

A circular economy

## Goals

- Zero waste
- Zero GHG emissions from waste sector

## Objectives:

- Enhance provincial direction and oversight
- Increase resource productivity and reduce waste
- Enable efficient and effective recycling systems
- Support sustainable end-markets

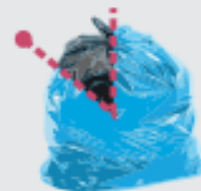
To mark our progress and keep on track, we have set three interim goals:



30% diversion rate by 2020



50% diversion rate by 2030



80% diversion rate by 2050

# Key Objectives and Actions

## Enhance Provincial Direction and Oversight

1. Empower the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority
2. Issue policy statements to provide clear direction on the provincial interest
3. Establish a registry and build data capacity to provide for evidence based decisions

## Create Conditions to Support Sustainable End-Markets

13. Improve and establish environmental standards to provide a level playing field and a strong foundation for markets
14. Use green procurement practices to build market demand for recovered materials
15. Implement disposal bans to direct materials to end-markets



Zero GHGs  
**CIRCULAR  
ECONOMY**  
Zero Waste

## Enable Efficient and Effective Recovery Systems

4. Transition existing waste diversion programs to new producer responsibility framework without disruption of services
5. Amend the 3Rs Regulations to increase resource recovery across all sectors
6. Establish service provider requirements to protect the environment while promoting resource recovery
7. Ensure landfills are well planned and managed to minimize their need and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
8. Establish promotion and education requirements to support public participation in resource recovery

## Increase Waste Reduction and Resource Productivity

9. Designate new materials to ensure producers are fully responsible for recovering more materials from products and packaging
10. Implement an action plan to reduce the volume of food and organic wastes going to landfill
11. Implement an Excess Soil Management Policy Framework to increase the reuse of excess soil, while protecting human health and the environment
12. Adopt and implement modern regulatory approaches to build on and promote innovative best practices

# 2017: Empower Authority



**Minister appointed five initial board members for the Authority**



**Minister signed the Transitional Operating Agreement with the Authority**



**The ministry signed MOU with the Authority to support the Authority's enforcement activities**

# 2017-2018: Used Tires Program Transition

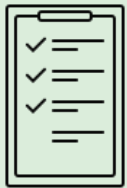


**Used Tires Program is the first program to transition. Two parallel processes:**

- **wind-up program and IFO;**
- **build new producer responsibility regime**



**Existing program continues to operate during transition period**



**Wind-up plan due to Authority by Oct. 31, 2017; existing program must end by Dec. 31, 2018**

# 2017: Used Tires Wind-up Direction



**Mandatory consultations with stakeholders to ensure clear and transparent wind-up**



**Wind-up must fairly address assets, liabilities, rights and obligations**



**Ontarians' experience with and access to diversion services will not be negatively impacted**



## 2017-2018: Used Tire Producer Responsibility Regulation



**Identify producers that are brand holders or others with a commercial connection to designated products and/or packaging**



**Set outcomes-based requirements for reduction, collection, recycling, consumer access, and public awareness**

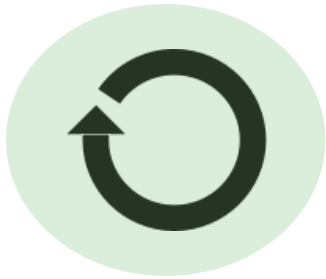


**Prove performance by registering with and reporting to the Authority**

# 2017-2018: Food and Organic Waste Framework



**Ministry is developing a Food and Organic Waste Framework, including an action plan and policy statement**



**Framework will support circular economy through food waste prevention, food rescue and food and organic waste recovery**



**Multi-stakeholder working group established to explore regulatory and non-regulatory tools**

# 2018 and Beyond



**Designate more materials for producer responsibility**



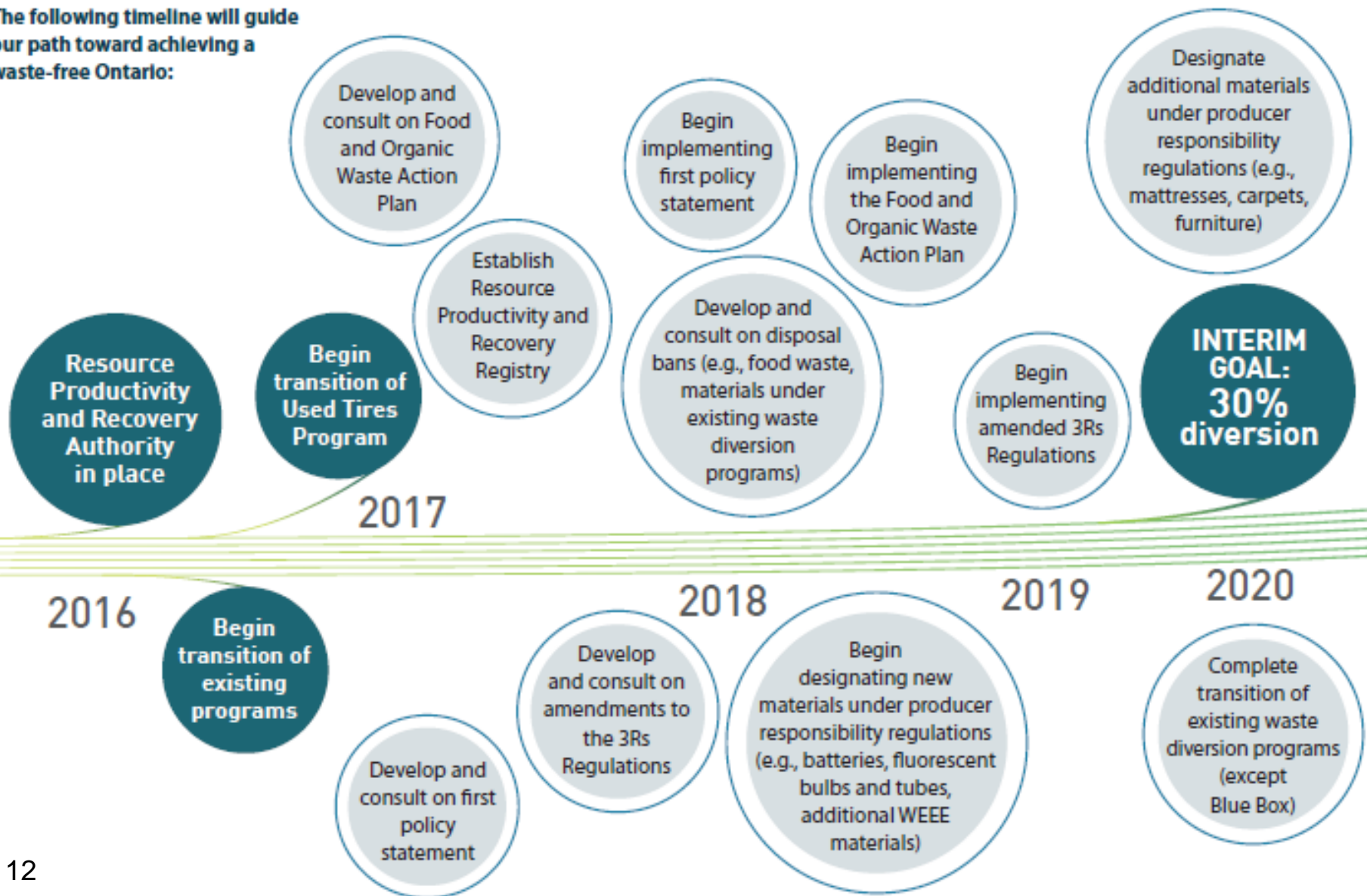
**Enhance data, improve policy, stimulate innovation in recovery of resources in the IC&I sectors**



**Limit waste going to landfill through disposal bans**

# Timelines

The following timeline will guide our path toward achieving a waste-free Ontario:



# Timelines

