



Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority

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RPRA's Vision

"A **circular economy** today for a waste-free tomorrow."

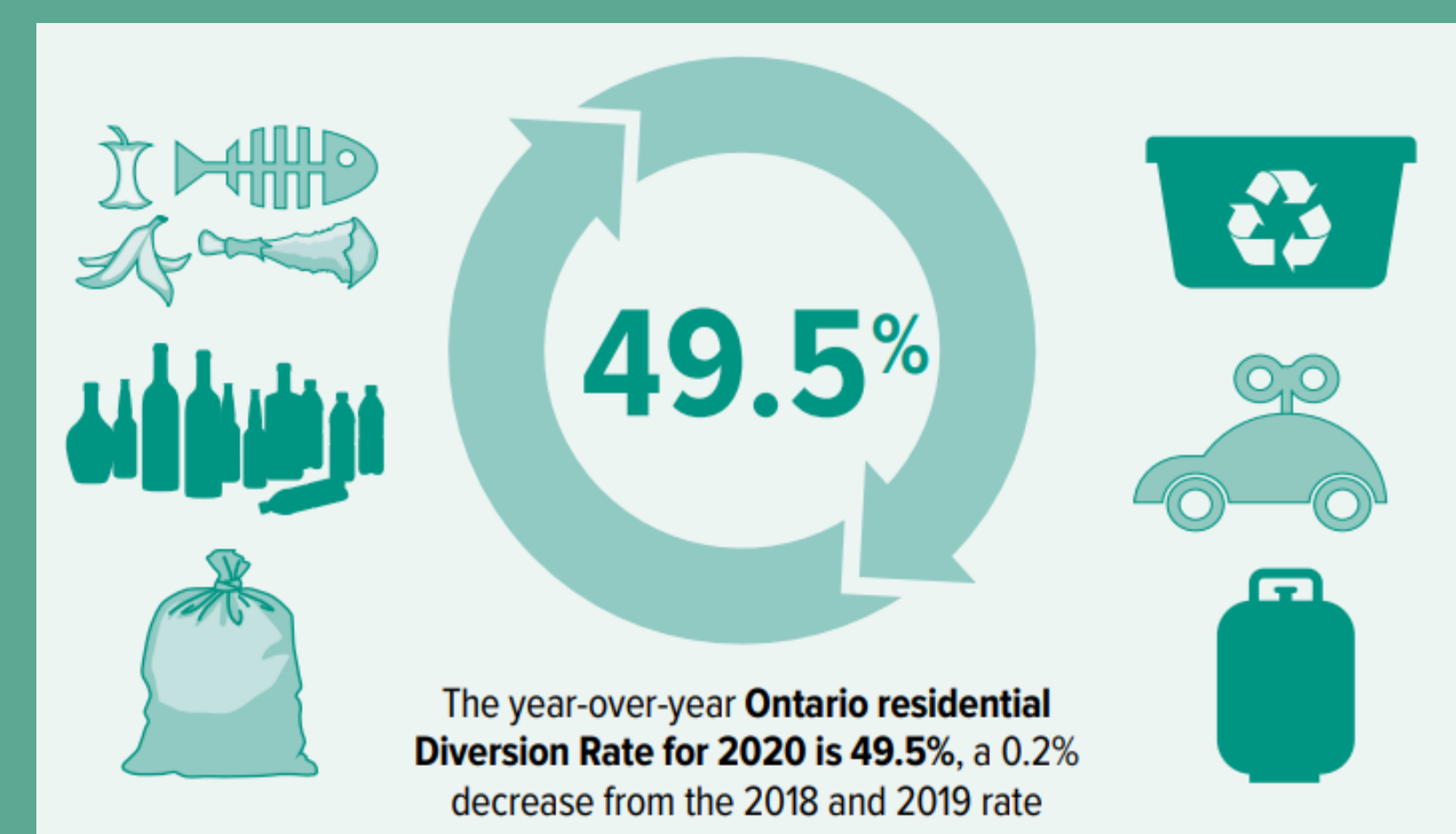
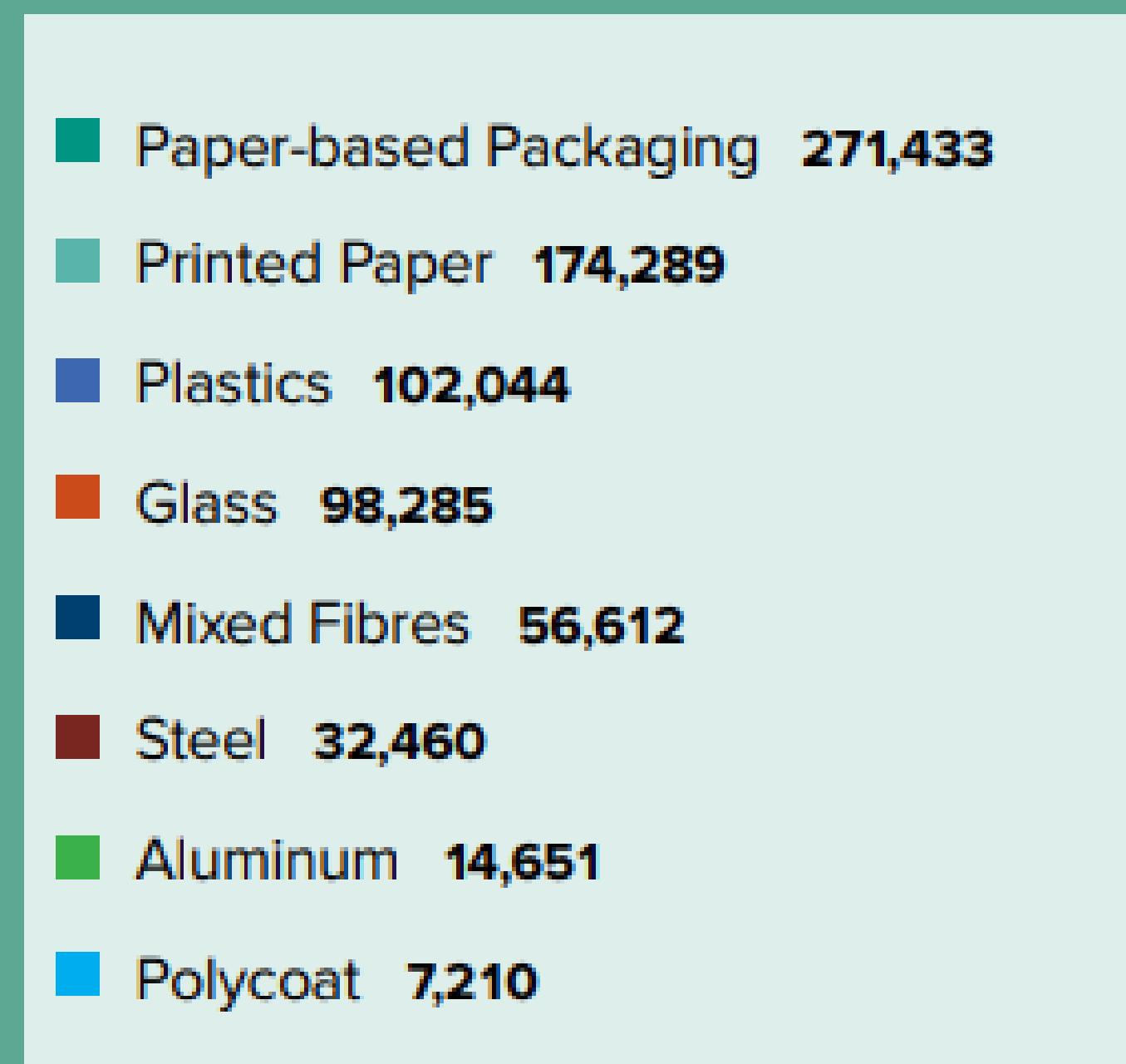
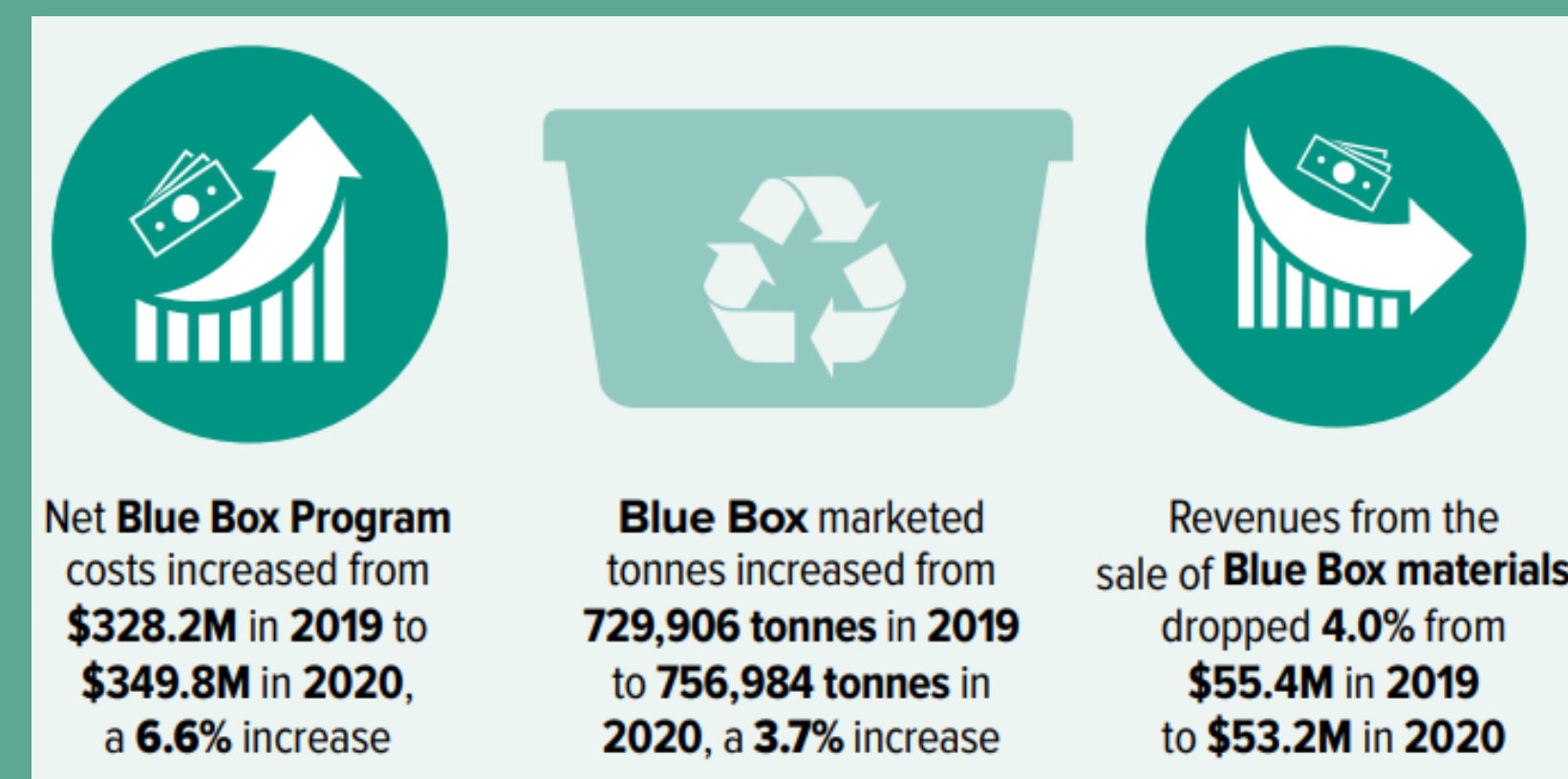
RPRA's Mission

"Support compliance with **individual producer responsibility** through education and enforcement to foster Ontario's circular economy, spur innovation, and protect the environment."

Who is RPRA?

The Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority is the regulator mandated by the Government of Ontario to enforce the province's circular economy laws.

Primarily administrating the **Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 (RRCEA)** and the **Waste Diversion Transition Act, 2016 (WDTA)**



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Accomplishments and Contributions

Supported Ontario municipalities with the **Datacall program**. Working closely with local governments, we verified the collected data which then determines the municipalities' Blue Box system costs and allocation of the Blue Box Program funds. This task demanded strong attention to detail and reliability as we consulted each submission for accuracy, year-over-year consistency, and efficacy. Back-and-forth discussions with the municipalities were conducted until each Datacall submission was confirmed.

Oversaw incoming **In-Kind** ad insertions by acting as a mediary between municipalities and publishers, confirmed and recorded remaining funding and ensured that incoming ads fell under the requirements of the program.

Addressed the **Ontario Electronic Steward (OES)** data sets to define the relevancy among all system files and support the transitional auditing efforts.

Collected data and developed the **Enhancing Reporting Consultation Report** which aims to support stakeholders' needs for data reported on by RPRA during the transitional periods. Involvement from the stakeholders was received via online consultations and mail-in submissions, this data was then processed and compiled into a digestible document highlighting the needs and wants of stakeholders which will be used to amend future data collection and reporting standards at RPRA

Key Takeaways

Policy enforcement and regulation need to be addressed from an assistive point of view that allows for the regulators to work with the regulated to amend practice and directly influence change.

Substantial government programs face challenges such as understaffing, divided stakeholder interests and soft/ ill-timed implementation strategy.

Waste-related data collection is a complex system of many different materials and varied stand-alone programs. Individual producers and municipalities struggle with identification.

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