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Liberals dump on recycling 'crisis' **LATEST NEWS**

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The Liberal opposition is calling for a review of the Multi-Material Stewardship Board (MMSB), saying the agency is having serious problems carrying out its mandate.

Environment critic Roland Butler says some of the province's recycling programs are in a "crisis situation," and that government needs to step in and make the board effective again.

Butler says on Feb. 11, Ever Green Recycling, a non-profit agency that operates three depots in St. John's, said it could not afford to collect and recycle paper products and cardboard.

Butler says the province's response to the announcement was lacklustre, charging it should have offered more help than suggesting people drop off their paper products at depots in Mount Pearl or Conception Bay South.

He also points a finger at continuing problems with the province's tire recycling program, which has led to thousands of tires being stockpiled over the last four years without any progress on a recycling plan.