



## Track Standards Bulletin #009

### Distribution of ties and track material

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Refer to Section 9.1.15.c and revise to read:

c. Ties scheduled for installation shall be unloaded and distributed as follows:

Refer to Section 9.1.15.c.ii and revise to read:

ii. Ties cannot be distributed more than two weeks prior to the planned work project and shall be stored banded. Individual ties shall not be distributed more than 48 hours in advance of their planned installation. If work is postponed following the distribution of ties, the pre-distributed materials shall be sorted, aligned and re-banded in bundles of minimum 10 ties and minimum 2 rows.

Refer to Section 9.1.15.c and add item iii:

iii. The pre-distribution of ties must be clearly identified in the work plan methodology and associated risk assessment. Pre-distribution shall not occur within 200ft. (61 m) of an at-grade crossing or turnout, or in a high-trespassing location.

Refer to Section 9.1.15.f and revise to read:

f. All ties removed from track will be stacked in piles of 25 to 40 and placed parallel to the track. These piles must be on the opposite side of the track from any wire line where possible, and where they will not obstruct the sight lines or affect drainage. Ties must not be piled adjacent to timber trestle back walls, high track embankments, rock cuts, or where there is a possibility that they may slide into a lake or river.

Refer to Section 9.1.15 and delete item h

~~h. In NO case shall scrap ties remain on GO Transit property over the winter.~~

Refer to Section 9.1.15.j and revise to read:

- j. Following any tie installation and replacement work, any unused ties and scrap ties shall be removed from the rail corridor as follows:
  - a. For spot tie programs, all unused and scrap ties to be removed within 48 hours.
  - b. For mechanised tie programs, all unused and scrap ties are to be removed within one week.
  - c. Scrap ties shall not be stored for more than one month on Metrolinx property.

Refer to Section 10 and add new section 10.8:

#### **10.8. Distribution of Track Material**

- 1. Plates, fasteners, and OTM cannot be distributed more than one week prior to their planned installation and shall be placed flush to the surface of the tie. If work is postponed following the distribution of materials, the pre-distributed materials shall be promptly removed.
- 2. The pre-distribution of track material must be clearly identified in the work plan methodology and associated risk assessment. Pre-distribution shall not occur within 200ft. (61 m) of an at-grade crossing or turnout, or in a high-trespassing location.
- 3. Pre-distributed material limits shall be noted in a GBO identifying potential walking hazards.
- 4. Following any work, all unused and scrap materials shall be removed from the rail corridor prior to the tracks being placed into revenue service.

These changes are effective immediately.

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