



Albertans are serious about recycling

Alberta Beverage Container Facts...

- ✓ There are over **2 billion** beverage containers sold in Alberta each year.
- ✓ Over 1.7 billion beverage containers are returned each year for deposit.
- ✓ There are **more than 50,000 types** of beverage containers registered in Alberta.
- ✓ There are over 200 independently owned bottle depots in Alberta.



About the BCMB

The Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) is incorporated under the laws of Alberta and is responsible for the collection and recycling of beverage containers throughout Alberta. The BCMB is a unique alliance of beverage manufacturers, depot operators, environmental organizations, municipalities, the public, and the Alberta Government.

The BCMB's mandate is to ensure Albertans have access to an easy-to-use and cost-effective system of beverage container recycling and to help ensure those containers are reused or recycled into other valuable products.



BEVERAGE CONTAINER MANAGEMENT BOARD

For more information on beverage container recycling in Alberta call toll-free 1-888-424-7671 or e-mail: info@bcmb.ab.ca

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Registering
Ready-
to-Serve
Beverage
Containers
in Alberta

what beverage
producers &
distributors **selling
in Alberta** need
to know



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All Beverage Containers Sold In Alberta Must Be Registered

Alberta law requires that **ALL** ready-to-serve beverage containers sold in Alberta be registered in a common collection system. Registration allows the BCMB to keep accurate records of containers sold and returned in Alberta. It also ensures that all beverage containers can be recycled for a set deposit of 10¢ or 25¢, thereby reducing their impact on our environment.

While Alberta law holds manufacturers & distributors responsible for product registration, Alberta retailers can be fined up to \$500,000 under section 19 of the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation for selling unregistered products. The unregistered products can also be removed from store shelves.

Who Needs to Register?

All Beverage Manufacturers & Distributors. Pursuant to Section 1(1)(k) of the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation, a manufacturer shall mean a person who manufactures a beverage and includes:

- i) a person who carries on the business of filling containers with a beverage, and
- ii) a person who imports a beverage in a container into Alberta for the purpose of distribution or sale in Alberta.

Registration & Operation Fees

Your FIRST PRODUCT must be registered with BCMB

All manufacturers/distributors who are new to Alberta or are bringing beverage containers into the province for the first time are required to [register their product](#) with the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB). A one-time, non-refundable fee of \$20.00 (GST Exempt) applies.

After initial registration of your first product with the BCMB, the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC) will act as your agent in that regard. Please contact them to conduct future registrations on your behalf.

Upon joining the deposit system in Alberta, the ABCRC requires a refundable deposit that is the greater of either \$5,000 or the equivalent refund value and container recycling fee for the first three months' forecast sales. The refundable deposit will be returned in twelve months provided that the manufacturer/distributor's account is properly maintained.

Quick Guide to Alberta's Beverage Container Registration System

Registration Process for Non-Alcoholic Containers

All first time beverage manufacturers must register non-alcoholic containers with the Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB)



After approval for and registering of the first product with the BCMB, manufacturers of non-alcoholic containers will deal directly with ABCRC for all subsequent product registrations.



Registration Process for Alcoholic Containers

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) handles all warehoused alcoholic product registrations and notifies the BCMB Central Registry.



For information on how to register alcoholic beverage containers, please contact the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission at 780-447-8833

■ ABCRC contact information:
Toll-free: 1-800-267-4130
E-mail: prodreg@abcrc.com
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To get your product registered...

- To obtain a [product registration package](#) and to start the approval process, contact the BCMB.



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