



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.

## **Attention Retailers**

Alberta's beverage container collection system regulations

what **you** need to know

## **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.*



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# What you need to know about beverage containers in Alberta



## 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¢ (containers 1 litre & under ) or 25¢ (containers over 1 litre), thereby reducing their impact on our environment. **Unregistered beverage containers cannot be returned to bottle depots** for a deposit refund and when thrown away, end up in Alberta landfills.

## Unregistered bottles frustrate consumers expecting refunds

Consumers are understandably frustrated and confused when bottle depots will not refund deposits on certain beverage containers. Unregistered products also represent an unfair competitive advantage for retailers who either do not charge deposits, or falsely collect them.

## Don't risk selling unregistered product

While Alberta law holds manufacturers & distributors responsible for product registration, retailers can be fined up to \$500,000 for selling unregistered products. The unregistered products can also be removed from your shelves.

## What can you do?

- Confirm with the manufacturer or distributor that there are Alberta registration numbers available for all ready-to-serve beverage containers they bring to your store. If you are not sure that the containers are registered, please contact the BCMB.
- Refuse to stock your shelves with product until you have a registration number. Remember, you can be fined up to \$500,000 for selling unregistered products in your store and those products can be removed from your shelves.
- Refer any manufacturer or distributor with unregistered products to the BCMB for assistance with registering containers.



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## Additional Container Guidelines Labeling guide for retailers

Retailers **MUST** advertise the refundable deposit amounts of either 10¢ (1 litre & under) or 25¢ (over 1 litre) for all ready-to-serve beverage containers.

The deposit amounts must be listed on customers' receipts. Price labels on your shelves should also indicate the deposit amounts.

