

NOTICE

TO: Depot Network

DATE: February 13, 2025

RE: **Clarification on Single Use (Non-refillable) Water Jugs**

Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

Following a [Depot Notice sent September 27, 2024](#), regarding refillable water jugs, the BCMB is providing further clarification on the different types of large water jugs that are acceptable for returns at Alberta Depots.

As previously communicated, large, rigid blue PET or polycarbonate water jugs designed for refilling and return to retailers are registered with the BCMB but **are not** to be accepted at depots (see examples included).

Customers attempting to return these refillable jugs should be directed to return them to their point of purchase (retail store, water distributor, etc.). This applies even to jugs at the end of their life (e.g., cracked, dirty) as the manufacturers are responsible for these containers from production to end-of-life recycling.

Please note that 15L Ice River Green Bottle containers and any other single use large water jugs (see examples included) are to be accepted by Alberta Depots for a 25-cent refund. These single use containers are to be shipped to Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (ABCRC) in the Plastics (Other) "Over 1L" material sort. These containers are typically made of thinner, more flexible plastic (PET), and usually have a more detailed label which list a specific water type and may suggest return for recycling.

A section regarding large water jugs has been added to the ABCRC Material Sorting Guide, which can be found on our [Depot Logins & Resources page](#) of our website, for depot staff to reference going forward. If your staff needs assistance differentiating these containers, or have questions on any other containers, please utilize the QMS ticketing system and our registrations team will be happy to assist.

Signage regarding refillable water jugs has been mailed to Depots across the province. Please display the signage prominently where customers can easily see it. If you haven't received your signage, or if you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please contact the BCMB at info@bcmb.ab.ca.



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