

NOTICE

TO: Depot Network

DATE: August 18, 2026

RE: **Theft at Blue Heron Recycling Depot - Athabasca**

Attention Depot Operators and Staff,

Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) has been informed of a theft that occurred on August 18, 2026, at Blue Heron Recycling Depot in Athabasca. During the theft, one beverage container mega-bag was stolen from the Athabasca Regional Waste site. The mega-bag contained PET - Over 1L resulting in a loss of 410 beverage containers.

This incident has been reported to the RCMP.

This notice is to make depots aware that customer(s) may attempt to return these containers to your depot, particularly if you are located near the Athabasca or in the areas immediately North of Edmonton. If you believe you may have encountered anyone attempting to return these containers, please do not provide a refund for these containers, and follow the steps below:

1. Submit a Container Validation Request (CVR) form through the Quality Monitoring System (QMS). The CVR form and a comprehensive CVR Reference Guide can be found on the BCMB website by [clicking here](#). Scroll down to Depot Resources and click on "Forms and Guides".
2. Quarantine the containers at your depot if possible. Do not provide a refund to the customer and do not ship the containers to ABCRC until advised by the BCMB.
3. Provide the customer with BCMB's phone number so they know who to contact regarding these containers. Should the customer refuse to complete a CVR or leaves with the material, please ensure that you still notify the BCMB. Provide as much detail as you can and include security images if possible. Should you have any questions, please contact a Compliance Officer at compliance@bcmb.ab.ca.

For more information, please contact a BCMB Compliance Officer by calling/emailing:

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