

RECYCLING YOUR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN ALBERTA



BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING BY THE NUMBERS



160,000+

beverage containers registered
for sale in Alberta



Almost **2.5 billion**

beverage products sold
in Alberta every year



2 billion+

beverage containers returned
annually to Depots for a refund
and recycling



= 500

for every Albertan



= 107 million+ kg

of waste diverted from landfills



Return rate consistently
higher than

85%



220+

Depots in Alberta



Before You Visit a Depot

- Empty and rinse containers, especially milk containers
- Leave tabs, labels and lids on containers
- Flatten milk containers and jugs but don't crush or compact other containers
- Confirm hours of operation at your local Depot
- Pre-sort containers for a faster return

What Your Depot Can Do for You

- Commercial pickups for businesses that have a large volume of beverage containers (check with your local Depot to see if they or a charitable partner offer a commercial pickup service)
- Help set up a donation program or bottle drive
- May be able to provide recycling bins, door knockers, and additional support for bottle drives and other collection events

Out-of-Province and Unregistered Containers

All Depots are prohibited from accepting or providing a refund for:

1. Beverage containers purchased outside of Alberta
2. Beverage containers not registered in Alberta

Depots and individuals can face fines of up to \$50,000 (for an individual) or \$500,000 (for a corporation) for accepting or providing refunds for these containers.



Non-Refundable Containers

Some containers look similar to refundable beverage containers but are NOT regulated under the Beverage Container Recycling Regulation and therefore, not part of the deposit refund program. This means a Depot cannot pay a refund for them. This includes containers for products like soup, broth, cooking oil, yogurt, some alcoholic shots, mini creamers and concentrates.

Not eligible for a refund



soup



broth



cooking oil



yogurt



alcoholic shots



canned fruit



creamer



flavoured syrup
cocktail mix



juice
concentrate



liquid eggs



What happens to recycled containers?

Every beverage container you return is recycled and used in the manufacture of many commercially useful products:

Aluminum Cans

- new aluminum cans



Plastic Containers

- new plastic containers or plastic products



Glass Containers

- fibreglass insulation



Refillable Glass Beer Containers

- can be reused up to 15 times



Polycoat, Juice and Milk Cartons

- paper pulp and cardboard



Bi-Metal Containers

- scrap metal for construction rebar



RETURN THESE CONTAINERS FOR A REFUND

25¢

**= over
1 litre**



Unsure if a container can be returned for a refund and recycled? Search for it in our beverage container registration database, which can be found under the *Selling a Beverage in Alberta* tab at www.bcmb.ab.ca.

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DePOT
It's Worth It

RETURN THESE CONTAINERS FOR A REFUND

10¢
= 1 litre
& under



Keep this sheet handy by tearing it off the brochure.

Flip this page over for the 25¢ containers.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT!

Find a Depot

To find a Depot near you, visit:
albertadepot.ca or call 1-888-424-7671.



Applaud a Depot

Share your stories and recognize your local Depot for the amazing work they do. Each Applaud enters you into a draw for some great prizes. Visit **applaudadepot.ca** to submit an Applaud.

Contact Information

Check out **albertadepot.ca** for everything you need to know about beverage container recycling.

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