

NOTICE

TO: Registrants

DATE: May 20, 2026

RE: **Important Update:** Stakeholder Consultation - Problematic Materials (Crystal & Ceramic)

Alberta beverage Registrants,

In response to evolving market dynamics and material management trends, Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) undertook a review and consultation process related to the ongoing registration of crystal and ceramic beverage containers in Alberta.

This work considered whether these two material streams should continue to be included on Alberta's designated beverage container material list, based on system performance, recyclability considerations, and stakeholder feedback.

BCMB's Management Team conducted a comprehensive assessment of factors related to the potential phase-out of crystal and ceramic beverage containers. In March 2026, the findings were presented to BCMB's Registrations & Recycling Committee for review and recommendation.

On April 22, 2026, BCMB's Board of Directors reviewed the analysis and committee input. At that meeting, **the Board approved Management's recommendation to maintain the status quo with respect to the registration of crystal and ceramic beverage containers in Alberta.**

What This Means

At this point, nothing will change in your registration process for any beverage container made from crystal or ceramic. BCMB will continue to monitor these material streams and their collection rates.

Additional Context

Since 2025 and in advance of bringing a recommendation to the Board, BCMB undertook a three-phase review and consultation process focused on the management of crystal and ceramic beverage containers within Alberta's deposit return system.

This work included analysis of system data and material performance, stakeholder surveys, engagement with beverage manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and system partners, and review by BCMB's Registrations & Recycling Committee. Feedback from stakeholders was considered alongside environmental, operational, and administrative factors to inform Management's recommendation.

If you have questions about this notice or the registration of beverage containers in Alberta, please contact BCMB's Registrations team at registrations@bcmb.ab.ca.