

BEVERAGE CONTAINER REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR CRAFT BREWERS

As the regulator of the beverage container recycling industry in Alberta, the <u>Beverage</u>. <u>Container Management Board (BCMB)</u> works with industry stakeholders like Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) to achieve the highest collection rate possible for beverage containers. Over 2 billion are collected each year. The industry is working towards a circular economy for containers, one in which they are reused/refilled as many times as possible or recycled and turned into other useful products, keeping this material out of landfills.

WHY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS MUST BE REGISTERED

The BCMB regulates the beverage container recycling industry in Alberta and the requirement for manufacturers to register all beverage containers sold in Alberta is provincially legislated in the <u>Beverage Container Recycling Regulation</u> and set in our <u>Manufacturer and Retailer By-law</u> as well.

Only beverage containers that have been approved by the BCMB can be sold in Alberta. This applies to containers for both non-alcoholic and alcoholic (liquor) beverages. Currently, Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis manages the container registration system for alcoholic beverages on behalf of the BCMB. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

Understanding the registration requirements

- The BCMB is legislated by the Government of Alberta to manage the beverage container recycling industry in order to protect the environment.
- To ensure consistency and fairness across the industry, all manufacturers, distributors and retailers that fill and seal beverage containers are required to register each container before it can be sold in Alberta. <u>Click here</u> to learn more.
- Registration is the means for container sales to be reported and the corresponding deposit refunds and Container Recycling Fees to be remitted to the Alberta Beverage Container Recycling Corporation (Collection System Agent) by AGLC on your behalf.
- If you are filling and sealing products at a brewery or retail location, you are obligated to report and remit on those containers.
- Failure or refusal by a manufacturer or retailer to register a container violates legislated requirements and can result in financial penalties.
- Depots can only accept registered containers. In doing so, they make recycling of those containers accessible, provide deposit refunds and sort containers into material streams (securing the integrity of those streams).
- Returning containers from craft brewers for a refund will give consumers confidence in the industry's commitment to sustainability and keeping waste out of landfills.



BEVERAGE CONTAINER REGISTRATION ROLES

BCMB's Role

- Regulate beverage container recycling in Alberta.
- Manage container registration for non-alcoholic and cannabis beverages.
- Conduct retail inspections to confirm all beverage containers are registered and applicable fees are being remitted to the system.

AGLC's Role

- Oversee Alberta's liquor industry.
- On behalf of the BCMB, facilitates container registration for alcoholic products.





HOW TO REGISTER YOUR CONTAINERS

Manufacturers of alcoholic products must currently register their company and beverage containers through Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis.

To do so, click here to go to AGLC's website.

For more information: Email: product@aglc.ca

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QUESTIONS FOR THE BCMB?

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