

## RETURN THESE CONTAINERS FOR A REFUND

10¢ = 1 litre & under



### Find a depot

To find a depot near you, go to:  
albertadepot.ca or call 1-888-424-7671

Your depot is:

### Contact information

If you have comments, concerns or questions about your depot or the beverage container recycling system, please contact the Beverage Container Management Board at 1-888-424-7671 or www.bcmb.ab.ca.

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## BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING IN ALBERTA



## TIPS FOR A SPEEDY RETURN

### Before you visit a depot:

- Ensure your containers are empty
- Give the containers a quick rinse, especially milk containers
- Leave tabs and labels on
- Flatten milk containers and jugs but do not crush other containers like cans and plastic bottles
- Confirm hours of operation at your local depot. Saturday is usually the busiest day.
- You can pre-sort and count containers. *Depots will gladly do it for you...but if you separate containers by size (0-1L and over 1L) and type (i.e. glass, metal, plastic, juice boxes) before you head to the depot, it will mean a faster return.*

### Reminder:

- Please take home your boxes and bags for reuse – do not throw them in the garbage.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to light a 25 watt compact fluorescent light bulb for 87 hours.

Flip this page over for the 25¢ containers.

## WHAT CAN YOUR DEPOT DO FOR YOU?

### Your depot will:

- sort and count your containers
- provide an accurate refund
- provide a printed receipt at your request

### Commercial pickups

If you operate a business that produces a large volume of beverage containers, check with your local depot to see if they or a charitable partner offer a commercial pickup service.

### Donation programs & bottle drives

Many depots work with a wide array of charities and organizations to help raise money for those causes. If you are interested in donating your containers, setting up a donation program or holding a bottle drive, please contact your local depot.

### Event support

If you are hosting an event in your community, your local depot may be able to provide you with recycling bins and additional support.

#### RECYCLING

##### NON-REFUNDABLE CONTAINERS

Many similar containers (including soup, broth, baby formula, yogurt, concentrates and other food products) are NOT eligible for refund but are still recyclable through your local municipal recycling program. Please check with your local depot if you are unsure whether a refund applies to a container, or contact us online at: [www.bcmb.ab.ca](http://www.bcmb.ab.ca).



## WHAT HAPPENS TO RECYCLED CONTAINERS?

Recycling beverage containers adds up. On average, Albertans recycle almost 1.9 billion beverage containers each year. That helps conserve 390,000 cubic meters of landfill space annually.

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

### Aluminum Cans

Become new aluminum cans



### Plastic Containers

Used in the manufacture of new plastic containers or plastic products



### Glass Containers

Used in fiberglass insulation



### Refillable Glass Beer Containers

Can be reused up to 15 times



### Polycoat, Juice and Milk Cartons

Converted to paper pulp and cardboard



### Bi Metal Containers

Used for scrap metal that becomes construction rebar



## RETURN THESE CONTAINERS FOR A REFUND

25¢ = over 1 litre



Over 50,000 different beverage container products are eligible for refund in Alberta. Not sure if a container can be returned for refund? Check with your local depot or contact us at [www.bcmb.ab.ca](http://www.bcmb.ab.ca)

Keep this sheet handy by tearing it off the brochure.