

Beverage Container Recycling Program

County of San Bernardino • Department of Public Works
Solid Waste Management Division

Important Consumer Refund Info!

Did you know there's a way to get your beverage container recycling refunds on a per-container basis instead of by weight?

That's right, California law allows you the option of being paid based on count instead of weight for up to 50 empty beverage containers of each material type.

This means you can bring up to 50 aluminum, 50 glass, 50 plastic and 50 bi-metal California Redemption Value containers in a single visit and request to be paid by count.

Consumers can also make more than one visit per day to a recycling center and be paid by count on each visit. Recycling centers are required to comply with this rule, found in the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 5, Section 2535(b).

Any consumer who has been denied this right by a recycling center can file a

complaint by email at complaints@calrecycle.ca.gov Or by calling CalRecycle 1-800-RECYCLE.

Just the Facts...

- Since more than **4 billion bottles and cans** ended up in the landfill, nobody claimed the CRV on them. How much CRV? More than **\$100 million** worth!

- By eliminating the need to manufacture new products from raw materials, recycling reduces energy use, in turn **reducing carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses in the air**

- For every 10 pounds of aluminum you recycle, you eliminate 37 pounds of carbon emissions from the air.

- For every 10 pounds of clear plastic water or soda bottles, 3.3 pounds of carbon emissions disappear.

- And although glass bottles are a lot heavier, each 10 pounds recycled still

reduces carbon by nearly a pound.

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For more Facts visit...

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Consumers/Facts.htm

Of course with recycling, there's no such thing as too much of a good thing. And in that spirit, here you can learn all you need to know about how to recycle in your community and how to cash in while doing it.

For additional information visit...

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Consumers/default.htm



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The Benefits of Recycling at Serrano High School

Snowline Joint Unified School District • Serrano High School, Phelan, CA

by Mr. Loren P. Schneider: Recycling Program Coordinator

We at Serrano High School (SHS) are excited to be entering our “6th year” as a participant of San Bernardino County’s Beverage Container Recycling Program.

SHS recycling of beverage containers *supports the financial needs of 14 different clubs (see table below)*. In addition, through the hard work of collecting, sorting, and transporting bottles and cans, students learn to appreciate the challenges involved in keeping an organization alive.

Serrano High School Club Participants
1. Outdoor Club
2. Key Club
3. Men’s Baseball
4. Women’s Basketball
5. Women’s Softball
6. Marching Band
7. French Club
8. Spanish Club
9. HOSA
10. International Club
11. Partnership Academy
12. Multicultural Club
13. Peer Ambassadors
14. Cross Country

The following are examples of how some of the clubs benefit from redeeming the CRV beverage container.

- *Mr. Dyerly, who mentors the Outdoor Club* “planning to go deep sea fishing in May and use the recycle

money for bus transportation and fishing licenses”.

- *Mrs. Dutra, who mentors the Spanish Club* says, “Serrano’s innovative recycling program has helped raise student awareness about the importance of conserving our resources and has provided the Spanish Club with hundreds and hundreds of dollars to award in scholarships each year. In addition, students see the connection between responsible behavior and both immediate and long-term rewards.”

- *Mrs. Harrower, who runs HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America)*, says that “the recycling program lets students feel as though they are a part of being green and helping the environment, and as they work together as a team to do the recycling, they have to follow thru with all the sorting, dumping, and bagging. In addition Serrano recycling helps to pay for their State Conference, food for the trip, transportation, and supplies needed to prepare for their competitive medical event that they will be doing at the conference (Cal-HOSA.org).”

- *Ms Anderson, who runs the International Club*, says, “not only has school recycling helped us fundraise for our European trip abroad next summer, but it promotes social re-



Serrano students recycling plastic bottles during lunch.

sponsibility for our participating members. In addition, we use our recycling funds to help pay for extra tours while in Europe as well as gratuity fees for our bus drivers, tour guides and tour director.”

Serrano High School students benefits from beverage container recycling !

- *Mr. Fell of Partnership Academy* says, “the recycling program has helped our Multi-Media Academy here at Serrano give two scholarships to graduating Seniors as well as providing two reward lunches (Pizza Lunches) for those students earning at least a 3.0 on their semester report card.”

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- The **custodial staff** says, “recycling at SHS has allowed for a significant reduction in large garbage containers needed and bags used, thereby reducing the cost of garbage collection and removal.” This not only saves the school money, but also reduces the volume of landfill contribution from SHS and the greater school district.

- And from our *Principle, Mrs. Schlegel*, says, “as a result of our recycling efforts, Serrano clubs and organizations have been able to plan field trips and other events that normally could not be funded.”



Serrano High School Clubs received a total income of \$4,000 for school year 2010/2011. My best estimate of total percent recycling of all potential recyclable

plastic/glass bottles and aluminum cans that enter Serrano campus (based on average number of bottles sold in the cafeteria/day and observing trash bags with non-recycled bottles getting thrown away, and other observations/calculations is that Serrano is recycling between 60 and 80% of the total potentially recyclable material. Its very difficult to change the throw-away culture that is pervasive in this community, but we are making headway. My goal is to improve this in the next few years, and thereby get more of the throw-away into the hands of club members at SHS.

In conclusion, it can be easily seen how the club members at our school benefit from the recycling program.

As the recycling coordinator at SHS, I would like to thank Chayo Valenzuela at the County of San Bernardino’s Beverage Container Recycling Program for all of the support given to our recycling program at Serrano High School, and we look forward to many more years of helping kids fund their club activities and teaching them the value of keeping our planet a bit cleaner by recycling as much as we can.

For school year 2010/2011 Serrano High School received a total of \$4,000 in recycling income!



Used Cell Phones and Eyeglasses Donation at County Libraries

Donate your old cell phones and accessories as well as eye glasses at any County Library. Cell phones and accessories will be donated to Cell Phones for Soldiers and eyes glasses will be donated to Light-house for Blind. Please make sure all data and pictures are erased off you cell phones before donating.

Collection results to date:

- Eye Glasses: 759
- Cell Phones: 163

Friends of the Library also accepts used books and magazines in good condition as well as CD’s DVD’s and video cassettes in good condition and in their original cases.

This program is brought to you by the County of San Bernardino Library and Department of Public Works, Solid Waste Management Division. For library information please visit www.sbcounty.gov/library.



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The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) is responsible for the operation and management of the County of San Bernardino's solid waste disposal system which consists of five regional landfills, eight transfer stations and three community collection centers.

Also, the Division administers the County's solid waste handling franchise program and the refuse collection permit program which authorizes and regulates trash collection by private haulers in the unincorporated area

SWMD offers a wide variety of waste reduction and recycling resources to its unincorporated county area residents and businesses with the goal of greening our environment. Reducing the amount of material being put into landfills will help preserve our limited landfill space, thereby delaying the need for more costly waste disposal.

For additional information please visit...
[www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste/
programs.asp](http://www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste/programs.asp)
or call 909/386-8701 or 800/722-8004.



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Fall Brings Changes to County Community Clean-up & Recycling Day

Community Clean-up & Recycling Day is Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Due to recent changes in state law, participation is limited to residents of the unincorporated county areas, and the cities/towns of: Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Big Bear Lake, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Hesperia, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, San Bernardino, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Victorville, Yucca Valley and Yucaipa. Residents from these communities can dispose and recycle regular household trash and debris at no charge at all County-owned landfills and larger transfer stations normally open on Saturdays.

Free loads are limited to private vehicles up to standard pickups or trailers up to 20

feet long. Proof of residency will be required such as a Driver's License or Trash Bill. Commercial vehicles, hard-to-handle, tires and special wastes or waste from non-participating communities will be charged at their regular rates. Waste from residential clean up only. All loads must be properly covered and secured. Loads failing to meet these requirements will be charged.

This semi-annual event also serves to remind residents to recycle as much as possible, thereby reducing the amount of material they have to take to landfills. County solid waste disposal sites offer drop-off bins for a variety of recyclables, such as glass, plastic, cardboard, wood/green waste and metal.

For a complete listing of all County solid waste disposal sites and their hours of op-

eration, rates, or more recycling and waste reduction ideas, please call 800- 722-8004 or log onto:

www.sbcounty.gov/dpw/solidwaste

