

Beverage Container Recycling Program

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



WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) has developed this program to increase beverage container recycling, thereby saving natural resources, conserving energy and extending the life of our landfills. Beverage containers covered under the program are the California Redemption Value (CRV)* carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal containers.

*****What is California Refund Value...** Consumers pay CRV when they purchase beverages from a retailer, which is refunded when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Effective January 1, 2007, CRV paid to consumers when they recycle containers at recycling centers increased to 5 cents for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for each container 24 ounces or greater.*

Focusing on beverage container recycling, the program presents an opportunity for schools and community organizations to generate extra funds for its programs and/or activities. The County will provide you with promotional support materials to help you launch the program and assist you in selecting appropriate recycling receptacles.

All you need to do is locate a designated spot for the recycling receptacle and arrange for the beverage containers to be taken to a redemption center. The money raised from the redemption will be used to fund local activities, projects, programs or pay expenses.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE?

Unincorporated area schools and community organizations (such as senior citizen centers, churches, sports leagues, scout groups, homeowner associations, etc). The Beverage Container Recycling Program is for beverage containers only and is offered in addition to any curbside recycling programs offered by your local refuse hauler.

PROGRAM GOALS

- ~ Increase beverage container recycling.
- ~ Provide students and citizens an opportunity to be part of the environment rescue team by participating in a beverage con-

tainer recycling program.

- ~ Provide revenue to assist participating schools and community organizations with local activities, projects, programs or pay utilities.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

The County will:

- ~ Work with representatives to select appropriate recycling receptacles.
- ~ Purchase and arrange for delivery of the selected receptacles.
- ~ Provide liners; select educational materials (i.e., brochures, flyers, posters, signs) to promote the program. Fund the design and printing of the materials.

The Participant will:

- ~ Designate the location(s) of the beverage container recycling receptacles.
- ~ Oversee the collection, storage, and redemption of beverage containers. Maintain the recycling receptacles.
- ~ Revenue generated from redeeming the containers can be used to fund local activities, projects, programs or pay expenses.
- ~ Record the amount of materials recycled. (SWMD will provide a self-addressed stamped postcard to be completed by the participant and mailed to SWMD).

REWARDS

- ~ Revenue source to help fund unincorporated area schools and community organization programs and/or activities.
- ~ Recognition in the SWMD Beverage Container Recycling Program Newsletter.
- ~ Opportunity to be included in the Beverage Container Recycling Program Photo Album on the SWMD Website.

Sites to visit...

www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer

www.bottlesandcans.com

www.earth911.com

www.epa.com

www.zerowastecommunities.org

www.keepcaliforniabeautiful.com



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