

GUIDELINES

The objective of this guide is to ensure a network of redemption centers that provides reasonable accessibility for all New Brunswickers while protecting the viability of individual centers and the system as a whole.

A. For the purpose of determining the numbers and location of redemption centers the following criteria are used as a guide.

1. For rural areas and communities with a population of less than 7500 persons, it will be at the Minister's discretion in approving a fulltime redemption center or a sub-licensed center taking into account the suitability of an applicant's facility, the expected potential revenue required for financial viability, the other compatible revenue generating activities of the applicant, and distance to the closest existing center.
2. Municipalities and immediate surrounding areas with a population between 7500 and 15,000 shall be considered for a second redemption center where it can be demonstrated to the Minister that the public is inconvenienced by having only one center, and the potential volume of business is available to reasonably support two centers, taking into account the geographical distribution of centers.
3. New Brunswick cities shall be considered for one center for each 15,000 population within its city boundaries, taking into account the need for geographical distribution of centers.
4. Additional centers may be added at the discretion of the Minister where it is determined that adequate service to the public is not being met.

B. Standards for the approval of an applicant's facility shall include the following.

1. Facilities must be sufficiently large to provide indoor, dry covered space to hold all containers accumulated at anytime in the way required by distributors.
2. Operators must be able to tail load bulked containers according to the following:
 - a) in the case of soft drink and liquor containers with full bags or tubs as required; and
 - b) in the case of refillable beer with full pallets of beer up to 8 high single pallets or double stacked 5 high pallets.

Loading is permitted at truck level or from ground level as long as above bulking requirements are met.

3. Centers must provide adequate yard space for the following;
 - a) for customers, when redeeming containers, to park without risk to themselves or their vehicles; and
 - b) for distributors trucks to manoever into position to load without risk to themselves, their vehicles or the public.
4. All facilities must generally be presentable to the public and reflect positively on the recycling industry and be kept clean and free of all garbage residue and other waste materials to the satisfaction of the Department.
5. Facilities must comply with all municipal zoning requirements and by-laws.