

To Applicants for Redemption Centres

On June 1, 1992 the Beverage Container Act of New Brunswick came into force.

The purpose of the Beverage Container Act is to reduce the amount of solid waste discarded by New Brunswickers and thus contribute to a cleaner and more pleasant environment. The Act has contributed to this end by requiring that all beverage containers sold in New Brunswick be either refillable or recyclable.

The Act provides for a system of deposit/refund for all beverage containers and requires a collection system which will deliver used containers to distributors or manufacturers for reuse or recycling.

One of the key elements in the success of the Beverage Container Act has been the network of Redemption Centres throughout the Province where customers may return all types of beverage containers for refund.

Please consider the information provided below in the form of questions and answers. If you wish to be considered as a Redemption Centre, fill out the enclosed application form and mail it to the Department of Environment. **PLEASE NOTE:** At the present time there are adequate numbers of redemption centres in the province. If circumstances change and we believe a redemption centre is warranted in your area, only then will we be in contact with you and all of the other applicants from your area and will examine all of the facilities. If your application is approved you will be issued a Registration Certificate which will entitle you to commence operations as a Registered Redemption Centre.

1. What is a Redemption Centre?

A Redemption Centre is a business operated for the purpose of recovering empty deposit bearing beverage containers from the public and sorting those containers for pick-up by distributors or agents for distributors.

2. What Beverage Containers must be accepted?

All beverage containers originally sold in N.B. must be accepted for which a deposit has been paid and a refund is due. This includes all alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, mineral & spring waters and all juices in all types of containers. Milk and dairy products are excluded.

3. What are the refunds?

Recyclable containers:

alcoholic beverage containers 500 ml or less - 5¢
alcoholic beverage containers over 500 ml - 10¢
all sizes of non-alcoholic beverage containers - 5¢

Refillable containers:

alcoholic beverage containers 500 ml or less - 10¢
- refillable beer bottles - \$1.20 per dozen
* alcoholic beverage containers over 500 ml - 20¢
all sizes of non-alcoholic beverage containers - 10¢

* (there are very few containers in this category on the market in New Brunswick at this time)

Note: The agents for the distributors will provide details on specific containers and materials.

4. How will I know if a refund is due?

Distinctive marking (a bilingual return for refund message) will be on the container. A list of containers will be issued for which the agents will be responsible.

5. Do I have to accept all containers?

Yes, If you wish to be registered and operate as a Redemption Centre, you are required to accept all containers for which a refund is due in New Brunswick.

6. How many distributors will I have to deal with?

There is one distributor's agent to handle all non-alcoholic beverage containers and a separate one to handle all alcoholic beverage containers. The breweries have a system in place to collect their refillable beer bottles from Redemption Centres.

7. What are the handling fees for beverage containers?

Beginning December 1, 2005 redemption centres collect a handling fee of 2.5¢ for refillable beer bottles. For all other containers a handling fee of 3.5¢ per container is paid. However, Redemption Centres and distributors are free to negotiate for additional services.

8. How many sorts are required?

It is expected that 12 to 15 sorts will continue to be required for non-alcoholic beverage containers and approximately the same number for alcoholic beverage and beer containers. Sorts are done primarily by material and colour. The agents for distributors will provide details on sorts.

**9. How much investment will be needed to become a Redemption Centre?
The main new requirements are as follows:**

- covered indoor storage space for all containers
- cash reserves to meet all customer requests for refunds
- telephone
- notice of business hours (signage)
- sign for the public with the business name
- adequate docking and loading facilities for transporters
- sufficient yard space for customers.
- the ability to load transports with full bags of glass (which weigh approx. 1000 lbs)

10. What about pick-up of containers and payment?

You can demand pick-up of containers from the distributors agent if you have accumulated 10,000 containers. The distributor's agent must arrange pick up within 7 working days and pay you the refunds and handling fees in full within 7 working days after pick-up.

11. Who provides the bulking containers?

The Agents for the Distributors will provide all materials for bulking and shipping. If they are reusable, there may be a refundable deposit required.

12. Is there any other processing required?

No. Containers are to be received and stored for the distributors agent, whole and intact. There is no requirement for crushing or flattening equipment.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A REDEMPTION CENTRE

Business Name of Redemption Centre: _____

Civic Address of Redemption Centre: _____

PID of Redemption Centre: _____

Hours of Operations: _____

Mailing Address _____
(including postal code) _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____

Dimensions of your existing building: _____

Distance between you and nearest redemption centre: _____

Population that you would be servicing: _____

To where do the people of your community presently travel to buy their groceries and liquor? ____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

RETURN TO: Beverage Containers Coordinator
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