MILK AND PLANT-BASED BEVERAGES ARE NOW PART OF THE DEPOSIT SYSTEM!

The recycling regulation has some exemptions including infant formula, meal replacements, concentrates, and products like whipping cream and drinkable yogurt. Containers exempt from the regulation won't carry a deposit.

"Ready-to-drink" milk and plant-based beverages with a best before date prior to February 1, 2022, are exempt from the deposit system. No deposit was paid and therefore no deposit will be refunded.

As of February 1st, 2022 a 10¢ deposit will be charged on "ready-to-drink" milk and plant-based beverages like oat, soy, and almond and the 10¢ deposit will be refunded when you return the empty containers for recycling.

Simply rinse out the containers, put the caps on or push the straws in, then take them to your nearest Return-It site.

LEARN MORE:

RETURN-IT.CA/MILK2022

WHERE DOES ENCORP COME IN?

Encorp Pacific (Canada) developed and administers the Return-It program. We ensure deposits are refunded to consumers at Return-It Depots and major retailers. We also collect and sort the empty beverage containers, as well as transport and sell them so they can be recycled into a variety of products.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Return-It is not paid for by tax dollars, nor is it funded by government. The deposit paid on a beverage container is fully refunded when you return it, which means recycling of the containers needs to be funded in other ways. Part of the cost of managing the Return-It system is included in the price you pay for a beverage. Some of the funding also comes from selling the recyclable material to companies (many right here in BC) who turn them back into a variety of useful products.

Unredeemed deposits also help to fund the system. But when all of these sources of revenue still can't cover the cost of recycling, a small fee is charged.

Looking for more information on the recycling fee? Visit **return-it.ca/recyclingfee**

WHAT MORE CAN I DO TO HELP OUT?

You're already doing a lot by helping keep about one billion containers out of BC landfills every year. But there's always room for improvement! One way is to hold regular bottle drives at neighbourhood schools and community groups. For individuals, it's all about remaining conscientious and continuing your recycling efforts. Remember, every container counts!

For more information and to find the nearest Return-It Depot location, call us toll-free at **1-800-330-9767**, or visit **return-it.ca**

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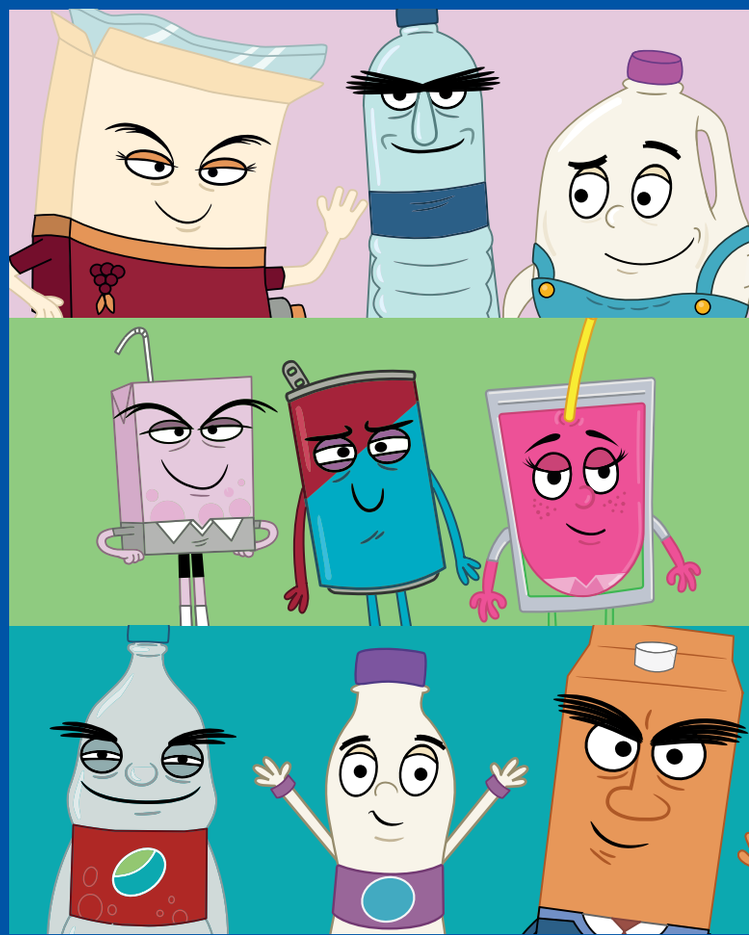

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WHAT HAPPENS TO ALL THESE CONTAINERS?

Good question. Every beverage container you return is recycled and put to good use again. Listed below are recycling processes for the most common container types, along with the story of how each container takes on a new life.

ALUMINUM CANS

These cans are baled, melted and back on the shelf again as new cans within six weeks. Not only does this save a lot of aluminum, it saves energy too: in fact, it takes 93% less energy to manufacture a recycled can than it does to make a new one.

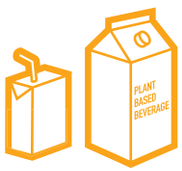
PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Plastic bottles are shredded and power-washed right here in BC or Alberta. The shredded plastic is then sold to companies who pull, stretch and meld it to make new bottles and other products. This process provides an 86% energy savings over manufacturing new plastic.

GLASS BOTTLES

Ground down into small pieces (called "cullet") and used to manufacture a whole bunch of stuff: wine bottles, fibreglass insulation, sandblasting material, sand for golf courses, and as aggregate for asphalt.

DRINK BOXES & CARTONS



Once returned, drink boxes and cartons are hydra-pulped to separate the paper, plastic and foil. The pulp is then used to make tissue paper, cardboard boxes and other products. This process recovers thousands of tonnes of paper each year; for every tonne of paper pulp recycled, approximately 17 trees are saved.

LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT THESE AND OTHER REFUNDABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER TYPES ARE RECYCLED INTO AT

RETURN-IT.CA/BEVERAGE/PRODUCTS

HOW MUCH ARE EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS WORTH?

The deposit paid, of course! If it was sold in BC and a deposit was paid, it can be returned to an Encorp Return-It™ Depot for the following refund:

For a full listing of all containers that can be returned to a Return-It Depot, visit return-it.ca/beverage/products/

Some milk and plant-based beverages are not included such as infant formula, meal replacements, concentrates and products like whipping cream and drinkable yogurt

WHERE CAN I RETURN MY EMPTY CONTAINERS?

Simply visit return-it.ca/locations to find a Return-It location nearest you, along with hours of operation and a map to help you get there. There are over 170 Return-It Depots conveniently located throughout BC. Plus, now you can return you beverage containers without sorting or counting at a Return-It Express location, Express Plus location, or an unstaffed, solar-powered Express and Go container! Sign up and learn more at return-it.ca/express

Tear off and save this handy chart:

READY-TO-DRINK BEVERAGE CONTAINERS INCLUDED IN THE RETURN-IT SYSTEM.

10¢ DEPOSIT REFUND

ALUMINUM The most commonly used individual serving container.	**METAL CANS** Any metal container other than aluminum ranging from small single serve tins to large tomato and apple juice cans.	**PLASTIC BOTTLES** The familiar plastic soft drink and water bottles including coolers and some spirits. Containers may be clear or coloured.	**OTHER PLASTIC JUGS AND CUPS** Clear or tinted, opaque plastic, and vinyl containers.	**GLASS BOTTLES** The everyday glass juice and beverage bottles as well as wine, spirits, imported beer, and coolers. Tinted and clear.	**BAG-IN-A-BOX** Large 'bags' of wine in a cardboard carton, usually with a spigot for in-fridge use. Both the bag and the box must be returned.	**POLYCOAT CONTAINERS** Aseptic drink boxes and coated "gable top" drink cartons.	**POUCHES** Laminated juice pouches with a small membrane for inserting a straw.
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*The caps on glass beverage containers are often made of metal or plastic. Please recycle these caps with the appropriate material stream, i.e., metal caps with metal containers, plastic caps with plastic containers.