

# IT'S WORTH IT.



British Columbians have continued to make an impressive contribution to recycling and protecting our environment. Just by recycling your beverage containers...

## IT'S NOT FREE, BUT IT'S PRICELESS

- You've saved enough energy to **power 42,000 homes**
- You've taken the equivalent of **29,350 cars off BC's roads** for a year
- You've helped **reduce 101,915 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent** being released into the atmosphere.

Part of the cost of managing the Return-It™ program is included in the price you pay for a beverage. We thought you'd like to see what the fee is for the various kinds of containers so you'll know how much you're contributing to keeping the environment clean. We also thought you'd be interested in knowing what kind of new products are created thanks to your recycled containers.

## Thank You



1-800-330-9767 [return-it.ca](http://return-it.ca)

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## ALUMINUM

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 1 L	1 ¢

### How It's Recycled:

Aluminum cans are flattened, baled and transported in bale form. Each bale contains over 29,000 cans. The aluminum is sent to a recycling plant, melted down and made into brand new aluminum cans. It only takes 6 weeks before the old can is recycled, refilled and back on the store shelf.

## PLASTIC

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 1 L	3 ¢
> 1 L	4 ¢

### How It's Recycled:

Plastic containers are sent to a processing facility where they are shredded into smaller pieces, labels are removed and the shredded plastic is washed and sanitized. After washing, the plastic gets formed into smaller flakes and sold to manufacturers to be made into various products, such as new plastic bottles.

## GLASS

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 1 L	8 ¢
> 1 L	16 ¢

### How It's Recycled:

Glass bottles are collected and shipped to a glass recycling facility where they are crushed into small pieces called "cullet" and is then made into new glass bottles, fibreglass insulation or processed into sandblasting material.

## BI-METAL

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 1 L	5 ¢
> 1 L	No Recycling Fee

### How It's Recycled:

Non-aluminum cans, usually steel, are baled and melted down into scrap metal. The scrap can be made into hundreds of products such as: car parts, wire fencing, or construction rebar.

## DRINK BOX

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 500 ml	1 ¢
501 ml - 1 L	5 ¢

### How It's Recycled:

Drink boxes, made from an aluminum lining and plastic coating, are hydropulped to separate the different materials. The resulting paper pulp is then used to make cardboard boxes and other paper products, or when left unseparated, they are used to make roof shingles, and plastic lumber.

## GABLE TOP

Size	Recycling Fee
0 - 1 L	No Recycling Fee
> 1 L	6 ¢

### How It's Recycled:

Gable top cartons, made from paper fibre are hydra-pulped and the resulting paper pulp is then used to make tissue paper, egg cartons and many other paper products.

**BAG-IN-BOX** - Recycling fee 5 ¢ - The boxes are recycled with other fibre based materials and the plastic bag liners are recycled with the plastic stream, please bring both back for recycling.

### \*RECYCLING FEES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2018

Return-It™ is not paid for by tax dollars, nor is it funded by the government. It's a collective effort by everyone in BC. Your efforts to protect our environment have been a great success. \*Some retailers may choose not to show the recycling fee separately.