

New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program: Continuing the Success

New Brunswick's Beverage Containers Program has been operating since 1992. So far, about 3 billion containers have been returned, which prevents them from littering our roadsides or going to landfills, and creates jobs when they are processed into new products. That's good news for the environment and the economy. Here are some tips that will get you in and out of your local redemption centre faster and will reduce the centre's labour and handling costs:

Containers Included in the Program

The beverage containers covered by the Program include all sizes (5 liters and under) of:

- Glass and plastic bottles
- Metal cans
- Drinking boxes
- Plastic cups with foil lids
- Plastic pouches (like "mini sips")
- Cartons (excluding milk and food containers)



Before You Head to the Redemption Centre...

Each day a redemption centre can receive anywhere from 3,000 to 30,000 containers. Take the following steps before your visit to save time for redemption centre staff and to make this effort to improve the environment more efficient.

- ▶ **REMOVE ALL CAPS AND LIDS.** These materials will not mix with the material from the containers during processing.
- ▶ **RETURN REFILLABLE BEER CONTAINERS** in a dry case with any flaps tucked in. Remove any caps or debris that may be in the case.
- ▶ **MAKE SURE THE CONTAINERS ARE EMPTY AND DO NOT** **CONTAIN ANY DEBRIS** (straws, dirt, grass, cigarettes, etc.).
- ▶ **GIVE THE CONTAINERS A QUICK RINSE.**
- ▶ **LEAVE THE LABELS ON AND DO NOT CRUSH ANY BEVERAGE** **CONTAINERS.** The Return for Refund message must be clearly visible in order for you to collect your refund.
- ▶ **SORT THE CONTAINERS BY TYPE** (e.g. separate glass from plastic). This will increase efficiency by reducing the need for sorting at the redemption center.

*Please note that in some areas of New Brunswick, the municipality, local Solid Waste Commission or other community groups run a blue box program. Some programs may accept beverage containers and collect your refund as a means of supporting their recycling efforts. It's best to check with your local town, village or city hall, Solid Waste Commission, or contact your Local Service District representative to find out about any programs in your area.