

Beverage Container Deposit-Refund Program Frequently Asked Questions



Who has to register with Divert NS? (Divert NS is a registered business name of the Resource Recovery Fund Board, Inc.)

Per Section 16(1) of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, a distributor of beverage containers in the Province shall register with the Board within 60 days of the effective date of these regulations. Per Section 16(2), no distributor shall sell or offer for sale a beverage container in the Province unless that person is registered with the Board under subsection (1).

How do I register with Divert NS?

A beverage distributor can call us toll free at 1-877-313-7732 to register, and we will mail a registration package and industry stewardship agreement to you.

What containers are included under the program?

Please refer to the description on the [Beverage Container Recycling in Nova Scotia](#) page.

What containers are excluded under the program?

Please refer to the description on the [Beverage Container Recycling in Nova Scotia](#) page.

How much are the deposit-refunds?

Container Type	Deposit	Refund
Non-alcohol less than 5L	10¢	5¢
Alcohol 500ml or less	10¢	5¢
Alcohol greater than 500ml	20¢	10¢

What are the deposit-refunds used for?

50% is returned to the consumer when they return containers to an Enviro-Depot™. The other 50% is used to pick up and transport the containers, and administer the program.

When do I report/remittance the deposit-refunds to Divert NS?

Per Section 16(5) of the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations, reporting/remittance for all units sold are due on the 20th of the following month.

How can I report the deposit-refunds?

An online password authorization form is included in the registration package. Once you complete the form and return it to Divert NS, a password will be provided to you to log onto the online website. If a beverage distributor does not have access to a computer, paper reporting slips can be provided.

How can I remit the deposit refunds that I owe to Divert NS?

You can pay the fees online using your online banking, or mail a cheque with your distribution number directly to Divert NS at 35 Commercial Street, Suite 400, Truro, Nova Scotia B2N 3H9.

What happens if I don't register or remit on time?

If you fail to register and you sell eligible beverage containers under the program, or you do not remit on time, you are considered to not be in compliance with the Solid Waste-Resource Management Regulations. This can result in Summary Offence Ticket(s) per Schedule 9A of the Summary Offence Ticket Booklet.

Do I have to report if I have zero sales?

Yes, a beverage distributor must report each month, regardless of whether they have sales or not. A beverage distributor can simply report zero for a month with no sales.