

## DEPOSIT-REFUND PROGRAM

Nova Scotia's Deposit-Refund Program for beverage containers came into effect in 1996.

The program applies to all ready-to-serve beverage containers purchased in Nova Scotia but excludes:

- Milk or milk products
- Soya and rice drinks
- Certain meal replacements
- Formulated liquid diets
- Baby formulas
- Beverage concentrates
- Wine making kits

## HOW IT WORKS

When consumers purchase ready-to-serve beverage containers, they pay a deposit.

Consumers can then return those containers to an ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for a refund.

Container Type*	Deposit Paid	Refund
Non-liquor less than 5L	10 cents	5 cents
Liquor 500ml or less	10 cents	5 cents
Liquor greater than 500ml	20 cents	10 cents

\*The domestic beer bottle deposit program is administered by the Brewers Association, not Divert NS. Deposits on refillable domestic beer bottles are fully refundable: \$1.20 per dozen.

Divert NS administers the collection, transportation and marketing of empty beverage containers, which are recycled into new products, such as aluminum cans, plastic and glass bottles, polyester strapping and fibreglass.

Divert NS facilitates the beverage container collection through a network of licensed Enviro-Depots across the province.

## RECYCLING IS WORKING

Nova Scotians recycle approximately 330 million beverage containers each year through Enviro-Depots and municipal recycling programs. Approximately 80% of beverage containers sold in Nova Scotia are recycled.

**For more information about the Deposit-Refund Program, contact Divert NS.**



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**Refundable  
Beverage Containers**

# RECYCLE RIGHT AT YOUR ENVIRO-DEPOT™ RETURN FOR REFUND

Labels on • Rinse containers • Do not crush containers • Caps on  
Recycle milk and food containers through your municipal recycling program

## Gable Top Beverage Cartons

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- NO milk, soya or rice drinks



## Tetra Pak® Beverage Cartons

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- NO milk, soya or rice drinks
- NO milkshakes
- NO concentrates



## Glass Beverage Bottles

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- Pop/soft drinks
- Water
- Alcohol and imported beer



## Plastic Beverage Containers

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- Pop/soft drinks
- Water
- Alcohol
- Mini sip bags
- NO milk or milk products
- NO meal replacements



## Steel Beverage Cans

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- NO food cans
- NO meal replacements



## Aluminum Beverage Cans

- Juice
- Health, energy and diet drinks
- Pop/soft drinks
- Alcohol



## Other Recyclables

Some Enviro-Depots also accept the following materials. Check with your local ENVIRO-DEPOT™ for details:

- Domestic beer bottles
- Leftover paint
- Unwanted electronics
- Automobile batteries
- Scrap metal
- Cardboard
- Other recyclable materials

