

# NOVA SCOTIA'S DEPOSIT-REFUND PROGRAM

Nova Scotia's Deposit-Refund Program for beverage containers came into effect in 1996. Divert NS facilitates the beverage container collection through a network of licensed, independently-owned ENVIRO-DEPOTS across the province.

Divert NS administers the collection, transportation and marketing of empty beverage containers, which are recycled into new containers and other products.

## 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.

## RECYCLING IS WORKING

Nova Scotian's recycle approximately 400 million beverage containers each year through ENVIRO-DEPOTS and municipal recycling programs. Approximately 80% of beverage containers sold in Nova Scotia are recycled. Recycling beverage containers in Nova Scotia saves 22,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions every year.

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

# THE POWER IS IN YOUR HANDS

THE POWER TO TAKE CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
IN NOVA SCOTIA IS IN YOUR HANDS.

## USE YOUR POWER IN 3 SIMPLE STEPS

01.

**Rinse your empty beverage containers and leave labels and caps on.**

02.

**Take them to your nearest ENVIRO-DEPOT.**

03.

**Get a refund or choose to donate it to help local charitable or community organizations.**

Learn more at  
[www.divertns.ca/recycle](http://www.divertns.ca/recycle)



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# REFUNDABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS IN NOVA SCOTIA



**ENVIRO-  
DEPOT™**  
Refund + Recycling Centre

Helping Nova Scotians recycle  
and divert waste from landfill

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

Labels on • Empty and 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



## 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



## Glass Beverage Bottles

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



## Tetra Pak® Beverage Cartons

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



## 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

