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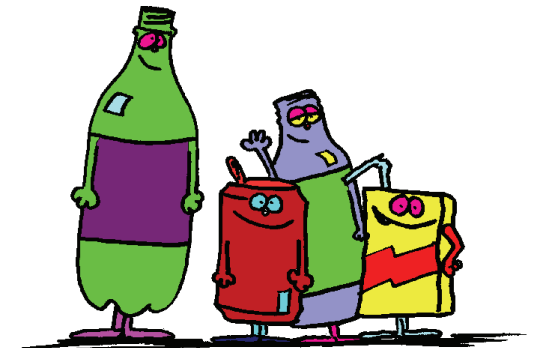
Did you know:

- Over 25 million beverage containers were sold in the Northwest Territories in 2004.
- That's 610 beverage containers per person in the NWT.
- 12,000,000 of those were aluminum cans for pop, and juice.
- 1,000,000 were Tetra Paks under 1 litre.
- 1,600,000 were plastic containers less than 1 litre.
- The refund for all ready-to-serve beverage containers is 10 cents with the exception of wines and spirits which is 25 cents.

## BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM

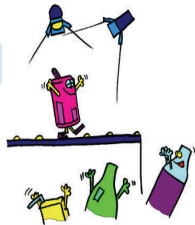
### School Recycling Program How to get started.

*Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.*



## What is the Beverage Container Program?

The Beverage Container Program is a territory wide initiative that came into effect on November 1, 2005. Residents of the Northwest Territories are now able to recycle all ready to-serve beverage containers with the exception of containers for milk and milk substitutes. The program uses a deposit/refund system, like the one used by the NWT Liquor Commission for its container recovery program. The program is designed to reduce waste and reuse or recycle material. Consumers pay a surcharge when they purchase ready to-serve beverage containers. The surcharge includes: a refundable deposit paid back when the container is returned to a depot; and a non-refundable handling fee which is used to help pay for processing the container.



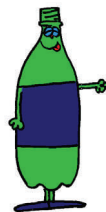
## Why should your school start a Beverage Container Recycling Program?

The Beverage Container Recovery Program is a win/win situation! It can help your school raise funds for school groups and activities, while reducing waste and litter in the community.

If your school already has a program for reducing waste, recycling beverage containers can complement your activities.

## Tips for Starting a Program

- **Form a committee to determine how the program will be run.** Consider involvement of students, teachers, maintenance staff and parents on your committee. The entire school's cooperation and support is needed for continued success for the program.
- **Decide who will take responsibility for coordinating the program.** Avoid giving the task to only one person. Is there a group or club fundraising for a special program that would like to take charge?
- **Set up a system for collecting and storing the containers at school.** Which beverage containers will be collected? Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, juice boxes, drink pouches? Are you prepared to handle glass containers?
- What will you use for collection bins? Will the bins be lined with plastic bags? How will the bins be clearly labeled? Where will they be located in the school?
- Who will empty the bins and where will the containers be stored? What extra arrangements will be needed if you are planning to collect containers at special events or hold "bottle" drives?
- Be prepared to monitor collection closely to identify challenges and deal with them immediately.



Ah! I have fallen and I can't get up!



- **Plan how the containers will be returned to a depot for refund.** Contact the beverage container recycling depot in your community to find out how to prepare the containers for return. (Should they be sorted, crushed, caps removed?)
- Who will transport the containers to the depot? Will transport companies or depot operators assist you?
- If there is no depot in your community, contact the **Environmental Protection Division** listed below.
- **Let everyone know about the program.** Let all school staff know what's happening: how the program will work, why you are doing it, who will play what role and how the money raised will be used. Inform parents about the program.
- Organize events to launch the program. Once it's underway, encourage students to find creative ways to continue to promote the program such as displays, posters, skits and advertisements. Do you have a school mascot that can boost the program?
- **Celebrate success!** Let the school know when goals have been reached and how refund money has been used.

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