



Public Works
Solid Waste
Management



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The County of San Bernardino Solid Waste Management Division (SWMD) has developed this program to increase beverage container recycling, thereby saving natural resources, conserving energy and extending the life of our landfills. Beverage containers covered under the program are the California Redemption Value (CRV) carbonated and noncarbonated drinks in aluminum, glass, plastic and bi-metal containers.*

*Effective January 1, 2024, this includes beverage containers that are boxes, bladders or pouches containing wine, distilled spirits, wine coolers, or distilled spirit coolers.

WHAT IS CRV?

Consumers pay CRV when they purchase beverages from a retailer, which is refunded when they redeem the containers at a recycling center. Effective January 1, 2007, CRV paid to consumers when they recycle containers at recycling centers increased to 5 cents for each beverage container less than 24-ounces and 10 cents for each container 24 ounces or greater.*

*Effective January 1, 2024, 25 cents for boxes, bladders or pouches containing wine, distilled spirits, wine coolers, or distilled spirit coolers.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Focusing on beverage container recycling, the program presents an opportunity for schools and community organizations to generate extra funds for its programs and/or activities. The County will provide you with promotional support materials to help you launch the program and assist you in selecting appropriate recycling receptacles. All you need to do is locate a designated spot for the recycling receptacle and arrange for the beverage containers to be taken to a redemption center. The money raised from the redemption can be used to fund local activities, projects, programs or pay expenses.

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

Unincorporated area schools and community organizations (such as senior citizen centers, churches, sports leagues, scout groups, homeowner associations, etc). The CRV Container Recycling Program is for beverage containers only and is offered in addition to any curbside recycling programs offered by your local refuse hauler.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Increase beverage container recycling.
- Provide students and citizens the opportunity to help the environment by participating in a beverage container recycling program.
- Provide revenue to assist participating schools and community organizations with local activities, projects, programs or pay utilities.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS*

THE COUNTY WILL:

- Work with representatives to select appropriate recycling receptacles.
- Purchase and arrange for delivery of the selected receptacles.
- Provide liners; select educational materials (i.e., brochures, flyers, posters, signs) to promote the program.
- Fund the design and printing of the materials.

PARTICIPANTS WILL:

- Designate the location(s) of the beverage container recycling receptacles.
- Oversee the collection, storage, and redemption of beverage containers.
- Maintain the recycling receptacles.
- Record the amount of materials recycled and report the values back to SWMD.

*through a signed agreement



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