

Beverage Container Recycling System FAQ



Manitoba Recycling System

Manitoba has a comprehensive recycling system that includes a broad range of materials - not only beverage containers.

Consumers in Manitoba can recycle their beverage containers at home in the Blue Box, or out and about through Recycle Everywhere's public space recycling program.

In Manitoba, consumers are charged a 2 cent Container Recycling Fee (CRF) on each sealed beverage container they purchase. This funds the cost of recycling beverage containers at home and away from home.



Deposit Return System

Several other provinces in Canada have Deposit Return Systems for recycling beverage containers.

In these systems, consumers are charged a deposit on every sealed beverage container they purchase. To recycle these beverage containers, consumers must take them back to a depot where they will receive a refund for doing so.

Consumers in deposit jurisdictions are charged a deposit as well as a Container Recycling Fee (CRF) at the time of purchase. The CRF and unclaimed deposits fund these systems.

	Manitoba System	Deposit System
Convenience	 <p>Consumers simply drop their beverage containers into their blue bin or blue cart at home, or in one of the over 55,000 recycling bins located in public spaces across the province.</p>	 <p>Deposit systems are often inconvenient, as consumers need to typically drive to return beverage containers to a depot. Return centres are often out of transit or walking distance.</p>
Cost	 <p>The CRF is only 2 cents in Manitoba, which covers the entire cost of the program. The system combines the convenience of a multi-material system with the performance of a deposit system at a much lower overall cost to consumers.</p>	 <p>Consumers pay higher fees upfront in deposit systems and only receive a portion of these fees back. For example, consumers in some deposit jurisdictions pay a net fee as high as 12 cents per plastic bottle that is non refundable.</p>
Environmental Impact	 <p>One recycling vehicle can collect all recyclable materials for hundreds of households or locations.</p>	 <p>There is a larger environmental footprint in deposit systems as consumers most often need to drive to return their containers to a depot to be recycled.</p>