

CALIFORNIA RECYCLING PROGRAM RATES

January 1, 2021

Table 1: RECYCLING CENTERS (RC)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound
Aluminum	29.7	\$1.65
Glass	1.97	\$0.104
#1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	22.6	\$1.27
#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)	6.8	\$0.56
#3 PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	9.7	\$0.48
#4 LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)	39.5	\$1.97
#5 PP (Polypropylene)	11.0	\$0.55
#6 PS (Polystyrene)	110.0	\$5.50
#7 Other Plastic	3.1	\$0.31
Bi-metal	8.0	\$0.40

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 2500(e) (2), requires Recycling Centers to post refund prices by weight, by container, and by material type.

Table 2: REVERSE VENDING MACHINES (RVM) *

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	31.3	\$1.64	\$1.68	97.62%
Glass	1.90	\$0.102	\$0.104	98.08%
PET Plastic	28.1	\$1.49	\$1.52	98.03%
HDPE Plastic	19.3	\$0.96	\$.97	98.97%

* Due to unavailability of Reverse Vending Machines to survey, RVM rates remain the same as prior period.

Table 3: CURBSIDE PROGRAMS (CS)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	31.9	\$1.65	\$1.65	100.00%
Glass	1.93	\$0.041	\$0.104	39.42%
PET Plastic	15.3	\$0.58	\$0.97	59.79%
HDPE Plastic	5.0	\$0.031	\$0.47	6.60%

Table 4: DROP-OFF / COLLECTION PROGRAMS (CP)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	30.9	\$1.62	\$1.63	99.39%
Glass	1.90	\$0.043	\$0.102	42.16%
PET Plastic	16.4	\$0.74	\$1.01	73.27%
HDPE Plastic	5.4	\$0.050	\$0.49	10.20%

Table 5: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (SP)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	30.9	\$1.62	\$1.63	99.39%
Glass	1.90	\$0.043	\$0.102	42.16%
PET Plastic	16.4	\$0.74	\$1.01	73.27%
HDPE Plastic	5.4	\$0.050	\$0.49	10.20%

Note: The containers that produce the Containers per Segregated Pound (CPP) vary in size, volume, and weight. The refund value is \$0.05 for some containers (<24 oz.) and \$0.10 for others (>24 oz.). Therefore, you cannot simply multiply the CPP average by either refund value to get the Refund Value per Segregated Pound rates.