



June 15, 2021

NOTICE

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: 3rd Quarter 2021 Processing Payment Adjustments

Section 14575 of the Public Resources Code (PRC) requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to establish a processing payment for any beverage container type that has a scrap value less than the cost of recycling. CalRecycle makes processing payments to processors. Processors pay recyclers the entire processing payment.

Pursuant to PRC Section 14575, the calculation of the 2021 processing payments is based on the difference between the scrap values offered to recyclers and the sum of the actual costs of recycling for certified recycling centers, excluding centers receiving handling fees, plus a reasonable financial return.

PROCESSING PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS: Unlike the annual processing payment, CalRecycle has discretion to adjust the processing payment not more than every three months if:

- The department determines the average scrap value for a specific beverage container material type for the most recent available twelve-month period directly preceding the quarter the processing payment is calculated is five percent more or less than the statewide average scrap value used as the basis for the processing payment currently in effect; and
- Adjusting the processing payment is necessary to further the objectives of the beverage container recycling program.

As the change in scrap value as described for glass and #2 HDPE is greater than five percent, CalRecycle has concluded it is appropriate to adjust the processing payment at this time. The scrap value for #1 PET has changed less than five percent, so there could be no adjustment to the #1 PET processing payment.

Processing payments for bimetal and plastics #3 - #7 are not being adjusted as the scrap values for these container material types are highly volatile and based on small volumes.

Scrap values are based on the average scrap values paid to recyclers for the period between April 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021.

The processing payments shown below become effective July 1, 2021.

Change in Scrap Value Per Ton and Adjusted Processing Payments

	Glass	#1 PET	#2 HDPE
Scrap Value Per Ton (Basis of Current Processing Payments)	-\$6.05	\$115.79	\$211.82
Scrap Value Per Ton (April 2020 – March 2021)	-\$7.58	\$115.39	\$248.69
Percent Change	-25.29%	-0.35%	17.41%
Current Processing Payment/Ton (Effective 4/1/21)	\$159.45	\$465.08	\$756.99
Adjusted Processing Payment/Ton (Effective 7/1/21)	\$160.98	\$465.08	\$720.12
Current Processing Payment/Pound Redeemed (Effective 4/1/21)	\$0.07972	\$0.23254	\$0.37850
Adjusted Processing Payment/Pound Redeemed (To be used on Shipping Report, Effective 7/1/21)	\$0.08049	\$0.23254	\$0.36006
Percent Change to Processing Payment/Pound Redeemed	0.97%	0.00%	-4.87%

The table shown below, displays the estimated money CalRecycle would pay out if the adjusted glass and #2 HDPE processing payments continued for the remaining two quarters of the year.

Estimated Processing Payment for Remaining Two Quarters

	Glass	#1 PET	#2 HDPE
Estimated Current PP Payout	\$78,581,725	\$90,222,752	\$6,127,522
Estimated Adjusted PP Payout	\$79,338,999	\$90,222,752	\$5,829,183
Difference (For Year)	\$757,274	\$0	-\$298,340
Difference (For Remaining 2 Quarters)	\$378,637	\$0	-\$149,170

To review notices of changes impacting participants in the beverage container recycling program, please visit CalRecycle’s Beverage Container Recycling Program home page on the Internet at <http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Notices/> or call (916) 323-3836.

For further information on the determination of processing payments, please contact Hieu Le, Market Information Section at (916) 323-5778.

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If you have any questions concerning processing payment reporting requirements or completion of the Shipping Report, please contact the Recycler Training and Review Section at (916) 323-3008.

Sincerely,

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Director

Attachment

Table 1 - 2021 Processing Payments for Recyclers (Effective July 1, 2021)

	Glass	PET	HDPE	Vinyl	LDPE	PP	PS	Other	Bimetal
Cost of Recycling per Ton & COLA	\$ 139.45	\$ 528.06	\$ 880.74	\$ 1,385.41	\$ 1,976.41	\$ 1,773.10	\$ 1,098.28	\$ 1,203.34	\$ 1,110.22
Reasonable Financial Return	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
Cost of Recycling per Ton with Reasonable Financial Return & COLA	\$ 153.40	\$ 580.87	\$ 968.81	\$ 1,523.95	\$ 2,174.05	\$ 1,950.41	\$ 1,208.11	\$ 1,323.67	\$ 1,221.24
Scrap Value per Ton	-\$7.58	\$ 115.79	\$ 248.69	\$ (0.01)	\$ (7.72)	\$ (9.92)	\$ 4.37	\$ 0.57	\$ 1.21
Processing Payment Per Ton Redeemed	\$ 160.98	\$ 465.08	\$ 720.12	\$ 1,523.96	\$ 2,181.77	\$ 1,960.33	\$ 1,203.74	\$ 1,323.10	\$ 1,220.03
Processing Payment Per Pound Redeemed	\$ 0.08049	\$ 0.23254	\$ 0.36006	\$ 0.76198	\$ 1.09089	\$ 0.98017	\$ 0.60187	\$ 0.66155	\$ 0.61002