



Beverage Container Recycling Program Changes for Manufacturers

Starting Jan. 1, 2024

New Beverages

Wine • Liquor • Juice



Subject to CRV (with or without CRV Label)

New Wine & Liquor Containers

Pouches • Boxes • Cartons



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5¢ CRV

Less than 24 oz.



10¢ CRV

More than 24 oz.

Glass • Aluminum • Plastic • Bimetal Containers



25¢ CRV

Bag-in-Box • Multi-Layer pouch
Paperboard Carton • Plastic Pouch

Key Information

- Register with CalRecycle by January 1, 2024 at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/Registration/>.
- Report and pay processing fees for all beverage containers including those newly added on January 1, 2024, whether or not they are labeled with the CRV message.
- Processing fees for new types of containers will be equivalent to HDPE until January 1, 2026.
- Manufacturers must meet the recycled plastic minimum-content requirements for plastic beverage containers including wine and liquor bag-in-boxes, multi-layer pouches, and paperboard cartons. Report by March 1st of each year

- Regulations will give guidelines for labeling new types of wine and liquor containers by the labeling deadline on July 1, 2025.
 - CRV wine and liquor containers are exempt from CRV labeling requirements if containers are filled before January 1, 2024. Exemption ends July 1, 2025.
- CRV large fruit and vegetable juice containers are exempt from CRV labeling requirements if containers are filled before July 1, 2024.

Minimum Content Standards

- SB 1013 provides an additional two years to meet the minimum content percentage standard.
- SB 353 exempts the following from the minimum content requirement until January 1, 2026. However, manufacturers must still report the recycled plastic content in these containers.
 - 100% fruit juice in plastic beverage containers 46 ounces or more
 - Vegetable juice in plastic beverage containers above 16 ounces

Recycled Plastic Minimum-Content Schedule

CRV Beverages in Plastic Containers including Wine and Distilled Spirits

- **15%** Jan. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2024
- **25%** Jan. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2029
- **50%** Jan. 1, 2030

Wine and Distilled Spirits in Boxes, Bladders, and Pouches

- **15%** Jan. 1, 2024 to Dec. 31, 2026
- **25%** Jan. 1, 2027 to Dec. 31, 2031
- **50%** Jan. 1, 2032

Large Fruit and Vegetable Juice Plastic Containers

- **25%** Jan. 1, 2026 to Dec. 31, 2029
- **50%** Jan. 1, 2030

Recycled Plastic Minimum-Content Reporting

- By March 1 of each year, manufacturers of CRV plastic beverage containers must report the virgin plastic and post-consumer recycled plastic content by pounds and resin type here: <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer/BevDistMan/PlasticRpt/>
- The next reporting deadline is March 1, 2024, for plastic beverage containers sold in calendar year 2023.
- Plastic beverage containers sold in calendar year 2024 must be reported by March 1, 2025. This includes beverages added on January 1, 2024:
 - Wine and Distilled Spirits
 - Wine and Distilled Spirits in boxes, bladders and pouches
 - Large fruit and vegetable juices
- Beverage manufacturers that sell 16 million or fewer plastic beverage containers in a calendar year are exempt from the PCR requirements for that year but not from reporting requirements.
- Manufacturers face penalties for not reporting and not meeting minimum-content standards. Minimum content requirement penalties charge \$0.20 per pound for the difference between the required and actual plastic content amount.
- Plastic material reclaimers and manufacturers of postconsumer recycled plastic are also required to report on March 1 of every year.
- The Office of Administrative Law that will further as approved regulations to clarify the plastic minimum-content requirements and reporting under Public Resources Code Sections 14547 and 14549.3, effective January 1, 2024.