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NOTICE**TO: Plastic Market Development Payment Program Participants****SUBJECT: Plastic Market Development Payment Rate for 2026**

To ensure that only California Refund Value (CRV) plastic beverage containers are eligible, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) each year calculates a new statewide average Plastic Market Development Payment (PMDP) rate for PET and HDPE. The PMDP rates are used to determine the total eligible PMDP material for certified entities and product manufacturers after exclusion of all non-qualifying material (out-of-state, plant rejects, industrial scrap plastic, and other non-qualifying plastic material).

Effective January 1, 2026, Plastic Market Development Payment program participants must use the 2026 PMDP rates as noted in the table below.

| 2026 Plastic Market Development Payment Rate | |
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| Plastic | PMDP Rate |
| #1 PET | 91% |
| #2 HDPE | 15% |

*Failure to use the above rates for 2026 reporting quarters will result in incorrect claims and payments.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Market Information at (916) 323-5778 or marketinformation@calrecycle.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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