



June 15, 2026

**To: All Interested Parties**

**Subject: Handling Fee Change, Effective July 1, 2026**

Section 14585(f) of Public Resources Code authorizes the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to issue a handling fee to eligible recyclers in a convenience zone. The handling fee is an incentive payment to encourage recyclers to provide convenient recycling for the return of California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers. The handling fee is determined through a biennial cost survey as required by PRC section 14585. The most recent handling fee rate as determined by the cost survey ([2025 Handling Fee Final Report](#)), available on CalRecycle's website ([Official Notices - CalRecycle Home Page](#)), is \$0.00555 per beverage container redeemed.

Senate Bill 156 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 72, Statutes of 2024) amended PRC section 14585(f) charging CalRecycle with establishing a new handling fee calculation methodology effective until June 30, 2027. The new methodology allows CalRecycle to calculate the handling fee using the rate as determined by the cost survey or baseline of \$0.0125, whichever is greater. The rate is then adjusted by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). The [regulations](#) were approved by the Office of Administrative Law on June 5, 2025.

Effective July 1, 2026, CalRecycle will calculate the monthly handling fee at the rate of **\$0.01289** per beverage container redeemed. The rate is derived from the baseline of \$0.01250, as it is greater than the cost survey result, and a cost-of-living adjustment.

For questions regarding this notice or handling fees in general, please contact us at (916) 323-5778 or [MarketInformation@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:MarketInformation@CalRecycle.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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