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NOTICE

Subject: 2027 Recycling Program Rates Effective January 1, 2027

In accordance with California Code of Regulations 2900, this notice announces the changes to recycling program rates, including refund value per segregated pound, refund value per commingled pound, and containers per segregated pound for each type of recycling program.

Attachment 1
This attachment shows the rates for refund value per pound and containers per pound by program type.

- **Table 1** - Applies only to recycling centers (RCs) where individual consumer transactions take place.
- **Table 2** - Applies only to material redeemed through reverse vending machines (RVMs). California Code of Regulations Section §2540(c) (1) requires RVM operators to be reimbursed at the applicable commingled rate. Exceptions can be made upon verification by the Division of Recycling, that the "reverse vending machine distinguishes 100% of the time between empty [CRV] beverage containers and other [non-CRV] containers."
- **Table 3** - Applies only to Curbside Programs (CSs).
- **Table 4** - Applies only to Drop-Off / Collection Programs (CPs).
- **Table 5** - Applies only to Community Service Programs (SPs).

Note to Certified Recycling Centers
If changes to the refund value per segregated pound rates overlap a receipt and log period, complete a Shipping Report for the period with the old rate, and then complete a separate Shipping Report for the period with the new rate. Failure to separate the weights may delay your payment, and CalRecycle will only reimburse operators at the lower rate for the entire reporting period.

Attachment 2
Attachment 2 is a refund value conversion chart to be used by RC operators only. It reflects the refund values paid for consumer transactions. The chart provides refund values based on weight received rounded to the nearest one-tenth of a pound. The chart is not for curbside, drop-off / collection, community service program transactions or for materials redeemed through a reverse vending machine. Attachment 2 is no longer published with this notice. You may request a copy of Attachment 2 from RateDetermination@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

Attachment 3
This attachment provides January 1, 2027, Individual Commingled Rate Survey (ICRS) program Refund Values per Pound for qualified programs and is used to determine correct payment to applicable curbside, drop-off / collection, and community service programs. All qualified curbside, drop-off / collection, and community service programs not listed on Attachment 3 will receive payment at the statewide average refund value per commingled pound rates for all material types.

Please note that the ICRS program was suspended via Notice dated August 29, 2012. CalRecycle authorized continued extension of rates for participants who earned Individual Commingled Rates for the 2013 calendar year. For participants who continue to qualify, Individual Commingled Rates will remain in effect until further notice.

If you have questions regarding this Notice or these rates, please email RateDetermination@CalRecycle.ca.gov.

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Thank you,

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CALIFORNIA RECYCLING PROGRAM RATES
January 1, 2027

Table 1: RECYCLING CENTERS (RC)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound
Aluminum	**30.2**	**$1.64**
Glass	**1.62**	**$0.097**
#1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	**25.6**	**$1.42**
#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)	**8.7**	**$0.64**
#3 PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	**9.7**	**$0.48**
#4 LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)	**39.5**	**$1.97**
#5 PP (Polypropylene)	**11**	**$0.55**
#6 PS (Polystyrene)	**108.9**	**$5.45**
#7 Other Plastic	**3.1**	**$0.31**
Bi-metal	**8.1**	**$0.41**
Multi-Layer Pouch*	**11.6**	**$2.91**
Bag-in-Box	**1.5**	**$0.38**
Paperboard Carton	**16.8**	**$4.20**

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	32.7	$1.69	$1.69	100.00%
Glass	1.49	$0.091	$0.092	98.91%
PET Plastic	30.1	$1.60	$1.61	99.37%
HDPE Plastic	19.3	$0.96	$0.97	98.97%

Table 3: CURBSIDE PROGRAMS (CS)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	32.2	$1.67	$1.68	99.4%
Glass	1.25	$0.073	$0.088	82.95%
PET Plastic	15.5	$0.67	$0.98	68.37%
HDPE Plastic	5.6	$0.029	$0.51	5.69%

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	30.6	$1.58	$1.61	98.14%
Glass	1.20	$0.072	$0.086	83.72%
PET Plastic	16.0	$0.66	$1.00	66%
HDPE Plastic*	5.6	$0.020	$0.50	4%

Table 5: COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS (SP)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	31.6	$1.66	$1.68	98.81%
Glass	1.31	$0.070	$0.087	80.46%
PET Plastic	18.5	$0.68	$1.08	62.96%
HDPE Plastic*	4.9	$0.045	$0.48	9.38%

*The January 1, 2026 program rates will remain in effect for 2027. The RVM and HDPE #2 samples collected for the CP and SP programs did not meet the required statistical sample size as defined in California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 14, Division 2, Chapter 5, Subchapter 1, Section 2000(47). The Department has determined the collected samples are insufficient for calculating the most accurate rates feasible to properly compensate consumers and industry.

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. The refund value for wine and distilled spirits in multi-layer pouches, bag-in-box and paperboard carton containers is $0.25 regardless of size.

Individual Commingled Rate Survey (ICRS) Program
Refund Value Per Pound
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Program ID	Company	City / County / District	AL	GL	PET	HDPE
CP0047	Upper Valley Disposal	Upper Valley Disposal CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.099
CP0418	Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.	Palm Springs Disposal Services	STW	STW	$0.76	STW
CP0879	MarBorg Corporation	MarBorg Corporation CP	STW	STW	$0.76	STW
CP0882	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Woodside CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
CP0894	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Capitola CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
CP0895	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Scotts Valley CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
CP0896	GreenWaste Recovery	County of Santa Cruz CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
CP0919	GreenWaste Recovery	GreenWaste Commercial Recycling Program	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
CP0942	Intercity Recycling	Intercity Recycling CP	STW	$0.102	STW	STW
CP0975	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Palo Alto CP	STW	STW	STW	$0.086
SP0410	Burrtec Waste Industries, Inc.	Morongo Band of Mission Indians	STW	STW	$0.95	STW
CS0195	Bay Counties Waste Services	City of Mountain View	STW	STW	STW	$0.061
CS0199	Bay Counties Waste Services	City of Sunnyvale	STW	STW	STW	$0.061
CS0254	Gold Coast Recycling	City of Ventura	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0274	H.S.S. Processing	City of Lompoc	STW	STW	STW	$0.052
CS0301	Gold Coast Recycling	City of Fillmore	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0370	Gold Coast Recycling	City of Camarillo	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0474	North SLO County Recycling	City of Atascadero	STW	STW	STW	$0.080
CS0560	Gold Coast Recycling	City of Ojai	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0561	Gold Coast Recycling	County of Ventura	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0622	Gold Coast Recycling	City of Carpinteria	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0649	Valley Vista / Grand Central Recycling	City of La Puente	STW	STW	STW	$0.064
CS0719	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Woodside	STW	STW	STW	$0.094

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CS0735	Gold Coast Recycling	County of Santa Barbara	STW	STW	STW	$0.042
CS0809	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	City of Grover Beach	STW	STW	STW	$0.107
CS0810	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	City of San Luis Obispo	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS0910	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	City of Pismo Beach	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS0911	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	City of Arroyo Grande	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS0974	H.S.S. Processing	City of Guadalupe	STW	STW	STW	$0.052
CS0975	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	Cambria Community Services District	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS0985	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	City of Morro Bay	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS1042	Upper Valley Disposal	Upper Valley Waste Mgmt. Authority	STW	STW	$0.72	$0.058
CS1048	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	Cayucos Sanitary District	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS1049	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	Los Osos Community Services District	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS1050	Waste Connections - Cold Canyon	Oceano Community Services District	STW	STW	$0.69	$0.107
CS1079	Upper Valley Disposal	County of Lake	STW	STW	$0.72	$0.058
CS1175	GreenWaste Recovery	County of Santa Clara (Lexington Hills)	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1176	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Portola Valley	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1184	H.S.S. Processing	Vandenberg Air Force Base	STW	STW	STW	$0.052
CS1209	Valley Vista / Grand Central Recycling	City of Walnut	STW	STW	STW	$0.064
CS1210	Valley Vista / Grand Central Recycling	City of El Monte	STW	STW	STW	$0.064
CS1266	California Waste Solutions – Timothy Drive	City of San Jose	STW	STW	STW	$0.059
CS1273	North SLO County Recycling	CA Valley Community Service District	STW	STW	STW	$0.080
CS1275	Valley Vista / Grand Central Recycling	County of L.A. (Valinda)	STW	STW	STW	$0.064
CS1277	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Scotts Valley	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1278	GreenWaste Recovery	County of Santa Cruz (unincorporated)	STW	STW	STW	$0.094

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CS1279	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Capitola	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1286	GreenWaste Recovery	Burbank Sanitary District	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1360	GreenWaste Recovery	City of Palo Alto	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1361	GreenWaste Recovery	Town of Los Altos Hills	STW	STW	STW	$0.094
CS1372	Valley Vista / Grand Central Recycling	County of L.A. (Hacienda Heights)	STW	STW	STW	$0.064
CS1373	Pleasanton Garbage Service	City of Pleasanton	STW	STW	STW	$0.075

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