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NOTICE

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Biannual Report of Beverage Container Sales, Returns, Redemption, and Recycling Rates

Public Resources Code Section 14551 requires the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to report biannually on the redemption and recycling rates for each six-month period within 130 days of the end of that period. This notice and attachment convey the redemption and recycling rates for January 2026 through June 2026. The beverage container recycling rate for all materials during the January 2026 through June 2026 period is 77 percent. Material specific rates are provided on pages 2 through 5.

Material Type	Redemption Rate	Recycling Rate	Sales	Recycled
All Materials	77%	77%	13,525,759,520	10,368,391,133

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Sincerely,

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Attachment

January – July 2026 Biannual Rates History

Aluminum Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	80	80	5,209,375,728	4,144,993,280	0	37,730,167
July - Dec 2025	71	71	5,673,902,380	4,044,142,111	0	20,480,307
Jan - June 2025	74	74	5,067,282,652	3,748,879,777	0	94,215,942
July - Dec 2024	67	67	5,954,753,470	3,979,204,449	0	114,129,834
Jan - June 2024	76	76	4,860,910,982	3,704,144,630	0	57,441,260

Glass Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	67	65	1,359,123,392	879,723,077	170,946	77,973,473
July - Dec 2025	62	59	1,566,400,232	926,362,951	27,321	86,940,147
Jan - June 2025	65	62	1,465,366,128	910,536,793	13,586	86,835,401
July - Dec 2024	55	54	1,790,608,154	962,281,939	40,004	67,464,668
Jan - June 2024	70	69	1,386,459,386	950,162,118	62,618	68,806,342

#1 PET Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	79	79	6,645,341,355	5,254,657,179	0	133,982,128
July - Dec 2025	72	72	7,596,091,781	5,436,949,026	0	134,864,617
Jan - June 2025	78	78	6,522,032,169	5,068,708,184	0	137,902,662
July - Dec 2024	68	68	8,029,212,214	5,491,735,202	0	144,403,484
Jan - June 2024	80	80	6,235,409,222	5,004,284,593	0	143,037,436

#2 HDPE Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	306	72	76,923,844	55,677,725	0	182,707,533
July - Dec 2025	237	50	104,691,143	52,544,601	0	198,295,515
Jan - June 2025	286	58	89,844,811	52,403,894	0	207,334,192
July - Dec 2024	284	60	90,860,385	54,064,146	0	206,572,469
Jan - June 2024	321	64	82,642,027	52,894,581	0	215,173,461

#3 PVC Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	0	0	3,737,869	1,073	0	16
July - Dec 2025	0	0	1,105,766	1,503	0	9
Jan - June 2025	1	1	122,607	864	0	229
July - Dec 2024	20	18	2,383	423	0	79
Jan - June 2024	2	2	25,453	447	0	11

#4 LDPE Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	4	2	1,549,446	37,044	0	19,187
July - Dec 2025	3	2	1,632,827	38,197	0	17,194
Jan - June 2025	169	3	1,609,664	46,492	0	2,676,650
July - Dec 2024	3	2	2,554,871	63,757	0	16,930
Jan - June 2024	9	2	2,601,253	60,135	0	180,069

#5 PP Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026**						
July - Dec 2025	115	111	3,466,001	3,855,048	0	319,051
Jan - June 2025	125	72	3,425,704	2,461,189	0	1,956,435
July - Dec 2024	104	73	4,627,788	3,358,684	0	1,640,346
Jan - June 2024	55	34	5,111,337	1,726,196	0	1,183,612

#6 PS Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	25	25	102,953,343	25,529,250	0	960,955
July - Dec 2025	22	22	112,404,185	24,434,958	0	806,347
Jan - June 2025	27	22	111,732,861	24,666,003	0	6,240,821
July - Dec 2024	21	21	115,395,125	24,213,374	0	811,494
Jan - June 2024	25	24	106,265,592	25,229,129	0	2,817,621

#7 Other Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	2	2	83,010,230	1,560,157	0	185,463
July - Dec 2025	2	2	87,112,554	1,518,450	0	150,679
Jan - June 2025	2	2	80,393,288	1,387,185	0	200,466
July - Dec 2024	4	4	38,477,832	1,435,837	0	188,919
Jan - June 2024	6	6	21,481,478	1,256,284	0	184,049

Bimetal Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	18	18	22,151,111	3,940,764	0	282,671
July - Dec 2025	13	13	26,930,130	3,585,060	0	148,512
Jan - June 2025	14	13	23,409,163	3,037,707	0	445,935
July - Dec 2024	12	11	29,787,636	3,365,702	0	356,180
Jan - June 2024	15	14	20,893,766	3,003,421	0	382,175

WDS-BBP† Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jan - June 2025	1	1	7,728,436	47,414	0	1,110
July - Dec 2024	1	1	21,786,855	233,849	0	37,364
Jan - June 2024	1	1	12,059,704	91,253	0	6,456

Bag in Box† Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	1	1	9,390,234	96,902	0	6,693
July - Dec 2025	2	2	5,497,160	93,725	0	10,104
Jan - June 2025	2	1	4,517,060	63,274	0	24,375

Multilayer Pouch† Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	14	14	417,433	56,407	0	2,692
July - Dec 2025	9	9	944,900	84,701	0	3,650
Jan - June 2025	43	24	345,313	81,157	0	72,643

Paperboard Carton† Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	18	18	11,785,535	2,118,276	0	108,664
July - Dec 2025	10	10	16,133,462	1,567,101	0	134,657
Jan - June 2025	8	7	9,329,891	670,303	0	127,800

All Material Containers	Redemption %	Recycling %	Sales*	Recycled	Refillable	Postfilled
Jan - June 2026	77	77	13,525,759,520	10,368,391,133	170,946	433,959,640
July - Dec 2025	69	69	15,196,312,521	10,495,177,431	27,321	442,170,789
Jan - June 2025	74	73	13,387,139,747	9,812,990,237	13,586	538,034,662
July - Dec 2024	65	65	16,078,066,713	10,519,957,362	40,004	535,621,767
Jan - June 2024	77	77	12,733,860,200	9,742,852,787	62,618	489,212,492

Calculation of Redemption and Recycling Rates

A = containers returned from all program types (RC, CS, CP, SP)
B = refillables returned to and reported by beverage distributors
C = postfilled, or non-CRV, containers returned from all program types (RC, CS, CP, SP)
D = number of beverage containers sold

Redemption Rate = (A + B + [C - (0.05 x (A + B))])/D x 100 (The value in brackets [ ] is included only when greater than zero.)
Recycling Rate = (A+B)/D x 100

Container per Pound Rates (CRV/Postfilled)	Aluminum	Glass	#1 PET	#2 HDPE	#3 PVC
January - June 2026 (RCs Only)	31.1 / 32.6	1.79 / 1.48	26.7 / 7.3	9.3 / 4.4	9.7 / NA

Container per Pound Rates (CRV/Postfilled)	#4 LDPE	#5 PP	#6 PS	#7 Other	Bimetal
January - June 2026 (RCs Only)	39.7 / NA	11.2 / NA	109.0 / NA	3.1 / NA	8.6 / NA

Container per Pound Rates (CRV/Postfilled)	WDS-BBP	WDS-BIB	WDS-MLP	WDS-PC
January - June 2026 (RCs Only)	NA	1.5 / NA	17.4 / NA	17.1 / NA

Footnotes:

*The recycling rate formula, specified in Public Resources Code §14551(a), equals the quotient of the number of empty beverage containers returned for recycling and the number of beverage containers sold in the state. The number of beverage containers sold is based on reports from beverage distributors, and the number of beverage containers returned for recycling is based on weights in shipping reports for all program types multiplied by the container per pound rate.

Rates in the Biannual Report are calculated based on a two-month lag on containers sold to account for the time between when a beverage is sold and when it is returned. For example, June recycled data on the Biannual Report is based on April sales. On the other hand, the Semi-Annual Report on the Status of the Beverage Container Recycling Fund does not include this two-month lag. The Semi-Annual Report presents a month to-month calculation, meaning that sold beverage containers in one month are calculated against containers returned in the same month. This difference is the primary factor in any difference between the sales and returns numbers in the Biannual Report compared to the numbers in the Semi-Annual Report.

**Inconsistencies of reported data were identified requiring further research.

†The new material types, WDS-BBP, were introduced into the Beverage Container Recycling Program on January 1, 2024. On January 1, 2025, reporting for WDS-BBP materials was replaced with the separate categories for the reporting of Bag in Box, Multilayer Pouch, and Paperboard Carton material. Participants continued to report the new material under WDS-BBP in 2025. The Department will continue to provide technical assistance to participants to ensure the reporting of WDS-BBP material is completed under the separate categories