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Hawaii Beverage Container Deposit Program



Ever wonder what those “5¢” labels mean on your beverage containers? Wonder no more! It’s Hawaii’s recycling law, the Bottle Bill. Since January 1, 2005, you can recycle your containers and get part of your money back!

How It Works

The deposit program places a 5¢ refundable deposit on each beverage container plus a non-refundable 1¢ container fee. The deposit encourages people to recycle their empty containers. Customers get back their 5¢ deposit when they return the container to a redemption center. The 1¢ container fee is used to pay for redemption center costs.

What if you are on WIC?



Will I be charged if I get bottled juice with my WIC checks?

Yes, a 5¢ deposit per beverage container will be charged to you when you redeem your WIC checks. You pay the 5¢ deposit to the store, **but get it back** when you take the container to a redemption center to be recycled. A 1¢ container fee per beverage container *may* also be charged. **WIC pays the 1¢ container fee if charged. Do not pay this fee.**



Are frozen juice or bottled formula/milk containers charged a deposit?

No.



How can I tell if the beverage container is a deposit container?

Look on the top or side of the container for a deposit label that reads “Hawaii 5¢” or “HI 5¢.” Containers that do not have the deposit value marked on them will not be eligible for refund of the deposit.



Where can I redeem the container for the deposit?

You may redeem your deposit container at any redemption center. For a list of all redemption centers, go to <http://health.hawaii.gov/hi5/redemption-centers/> to find a redemption center nearest you.

The goal is to recycle as many containers as possible. Every year, about 900 million containers are sold in Hawaii. Most used to end up in landfills or as litter on our streets and beaches. Let’s all do our part to keep Hawaii a paradise!

