## Further Information

More information on the Beverage Container Program and how it will work can also be found at: www.enr.gov.nt.ca/eps/environ.htm

Interested in Operating a Depot?

If you are interested in operating a depot in your community, please contact:

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Or, visit your local Renewable Resource Officer or Economic Development Officer

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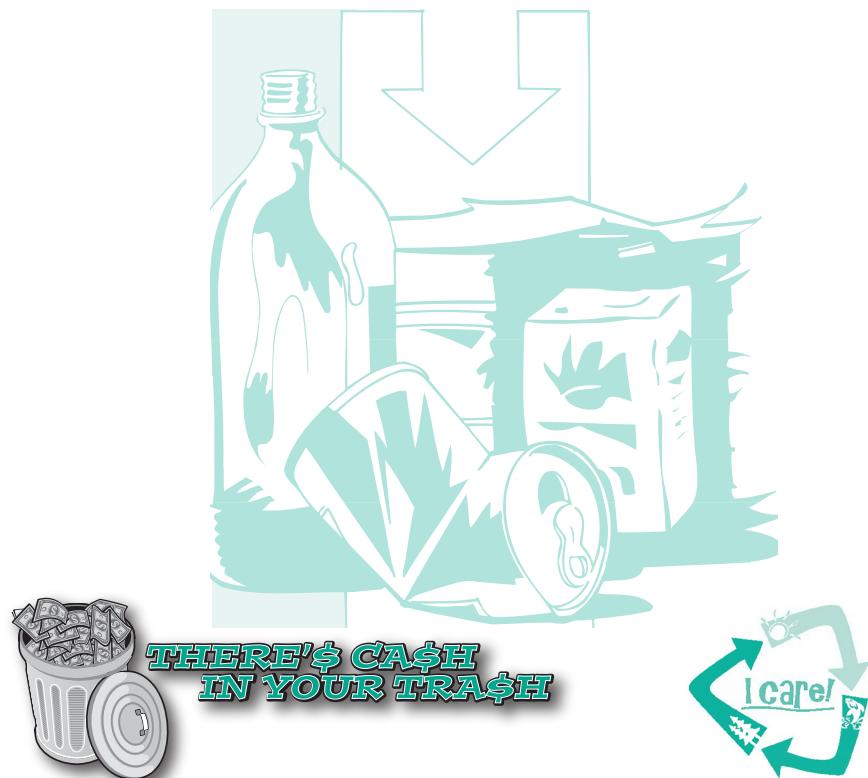
Beverage Container Program

Setting Up and Operating a Community Beverage Container Depot

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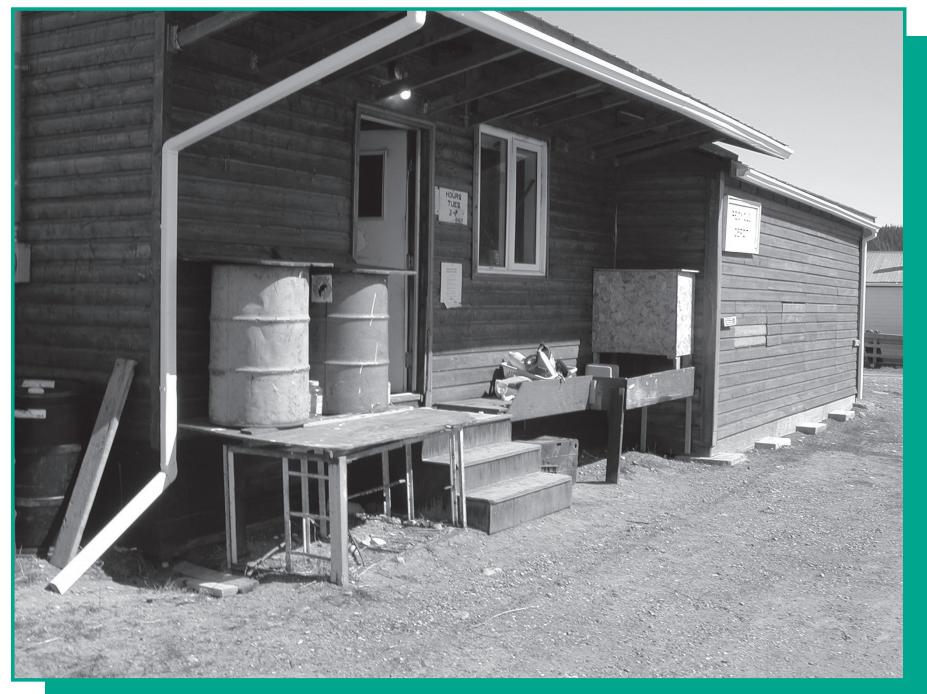
How the Program Will Work

The Beverage Container Program will use a deposit/refund system that will allow residents to return empty beverage containers to community depots.

Starting in the fall of 2005 consumers will pay a surcharge or fee on each beverage container they buy. The surcharge is made up of a refundable deposit and a non-refundable recovery fee. *

Beverage container depots will deliver a valuable community service by collecting, sorting and storing empty containers; issuing refunds and sending the containers to the regional processing centre, where the containers will be crushed, bailed and shipped south for recycling. Thousands of empty beverage containers that now end up in the landfill will leave the community.

A depot can collect and issue refundable deposits on containers made of aluminium, plastic, tetra packs, waxed cardboard, steel or mixed metal, and other multi-material containers*. The program will include all "ready to serve" beverages, except milk.

 * Subject to regulatory approval

Depot Requirements

All beverage container depots must have a licence to operate.*

Individuals, businesses, schools, non-profit groups, community councils, and local development corporations are all eligible for a licence to operate a depot.

Many depots are expected to work with an existing operation, utilize volunteer time and use donated storage space, if possible. To maximize opportunities for establishing community depots, the program does not have rigid requirements or guidelines for buildings or facilities.

All applications for a depot licence* will be reviewed on an individual basis and on their own merit. However, the program does require that depots have a suitable space to collect, sort and store containers and that the storage be secure.

The GNWT will supply a cash register (if required) and the following equipment:
 • Pallet jack
 • Fibre bags
 • Bins
 • Trailer or "sea can" (for storage of empty containers) if needed

All equipment will remain the property of the GNWT.

Depot Operations

To harmonize depot operations with the regional processing centres, a pre-programmed cash register or relevant accounting forms will be provided along with training on how to use them. The cash register or accounting forms must be used for all depot transactions.

Monthly reports must be sent to the regional processing centre; the processing centre will reimburse the depot for refunds and depot handling fees based on these reports.

Depots must be open to receive containers and issue refunds a minimum number of hours a month, depending on how many people live in the community.*

Community Population	Suggested Minimum Hours of Operation
Population over 10,000	28 hr/week
Population over 3,000 to 10,000	16 hr/week
Population 1,000 to 2,999	10hr/week
Population 500 to 999	8hr/week
Population 100 to 499	8hr/month

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A depot must also provide a suitable method of litter control.

Regional processing centres will be responsible for arranging and paying for the transport of the empty containers out of the community as needed.*

On request, the GNWT can provide an estimate of the total number of containers sold in each community.

Remember, a community depot operator will get:
 • Assistance in setting-up a depot
 • Training on how to run a depot
 • The equipment needed to handle the empty containers
 • A container handling fee