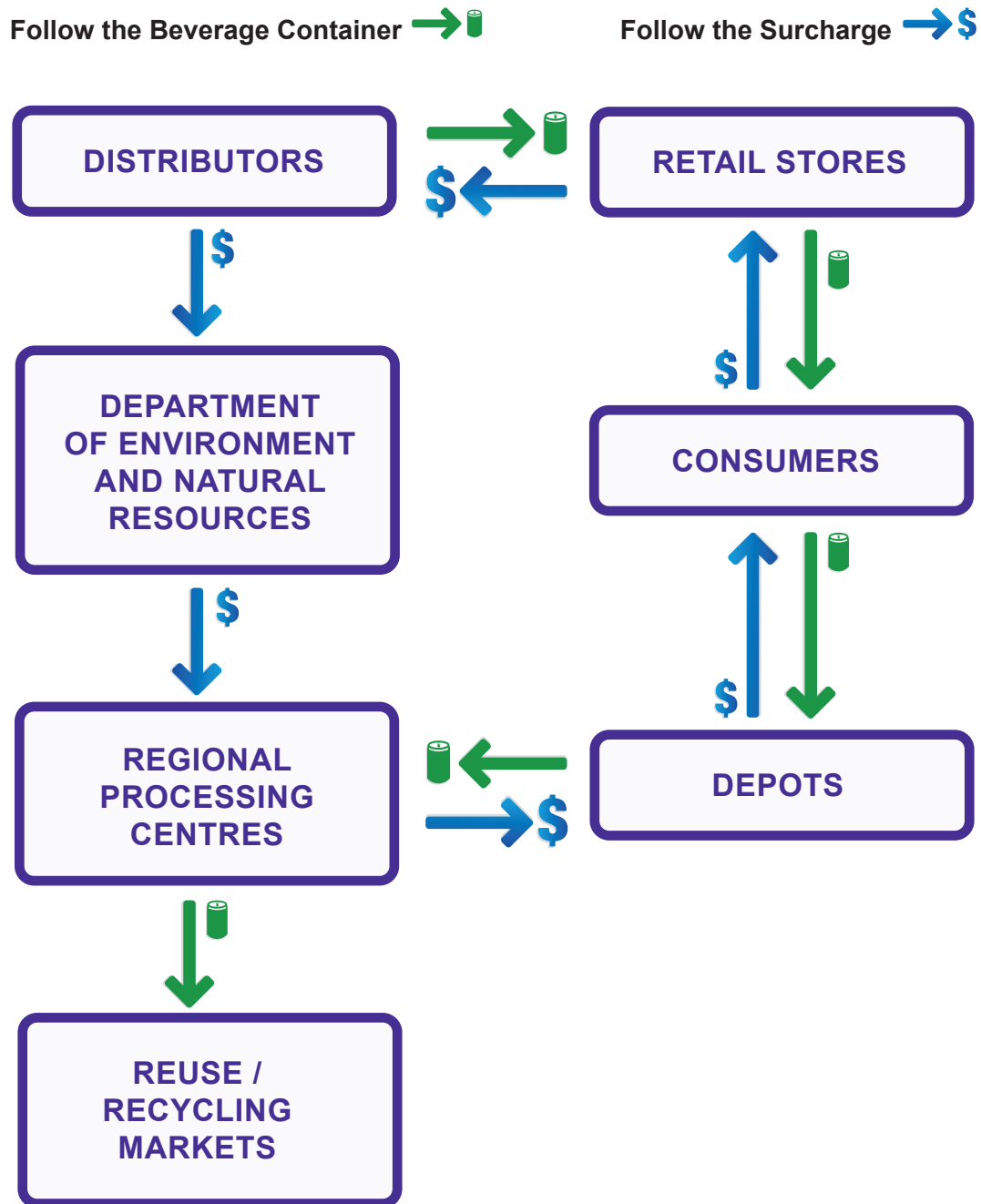


How the Program Works



DISTRIBUTORS

Import, manufacture, or sell beverage containers in the NWT. They collect the surcharges on each beverage container distributed or sold and remit it to the Environment Fund.

RETAIL STORES

Pay the surcharges to the distributor and collect the surcharges from consumers for each beverage container they distribute/sell.

CONSUMERS

Pay a surcharge when they buy a beverage, and get the refundable deposit back when they return the container to a NWT depot.

DEPOTS

Pay the consumer the refundable deposit for each container they receive. Depots collect, sort, store, and send the beverage containers to a processing centre along with a report showing the total value of refundable deposits and handling fees they are owed.

REGIONAL PROCESSING CENTRES

Receive beverage containers from depots. They pay the refundable deposits and handling fees to their depots. They receive the money they have paid the depots plus their handling fees when they report on the number of containers collected and the resulting deposits and handling fees to ENR. They process and ship the containers south for reuse or recycling.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Administer the program and the Environment Fund. ENR uses money from the Environment Fund to pay the refundable deposits and handling fees to processing centres. ENR also pays to transport beverage containers from depots to processing centres and Industry Standard Bottles (ISBs) from processing centres to breweries.

REUSE/RECYCLING MARKETS

Accepts containers from processing centres and reuse or recycle the containers into other products.