

CALIFORNIA RECYCLING PROGRAM RATES
January 1, 2025

Table 1: RECYCLING CENTERS (RC)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound
Aluminum	29.7	\$1.65
Glass	1.87	\$0.102
#1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	27.0	\$1.47
#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)	8.4	\$0.63
#3 PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	9.70	\$0.48
#4 LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)	39.5	\$1.98
#5 PP (Polypropylene)	10.9	\$0.55
#6 PS (Polystyrene)	109.5	\$5.47
#7 Other Plastic	3.1	\$0.31
Bi-metal	8.2	\$0.41
Multi-Layer Pouch*	33.0	\$8.25
Bag-in-Box	1.66	\$0.41
Paperboard Carton	15.18	\$3.79

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**	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	31.3	\$1.62	\$1.62	100.00%
Glass	1.24	\$0.075	\$0.086	87.21%
PET Plastic	14.8	\$0.64	\$0.92	69.57%
HDPE Plastic	5.7	\$0.032	\$0.51	6.27%

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	29.6	\$1.62	\$1.62	100.00%
Glass	1.20	\$0.077	\$0.085	90.59%
PET Plastic	16.0	\$0.70	\$0.95	73.68%
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	31.4	\$1.63	\$1.63	100.00%
Glass	1.35	\$0.08	\$0.092	86.96%
PET Plastic	17.4	\$0.87	\$1.04	83.65%
HDPE Plastic	4.9	\$0.045	\$0.48	9.38%

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.), \$0.10 for others (>24 oz.), and 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; therefore, the CPP average cannot simply be multiplied by either refund value to get the Refund Value per Segregated Pound rates.

*Due to the unavailability of these container types, only a small controlled CRV sample was surveyed.

** Due to the unavailability of these container type(s) at this program, this rate remains the same as the prior period.