

EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY

Information for PEI Redemption Centres
Regarding Operations & Logistics



EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY BEVERAGE CONTAINER STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

The April 1, 2026, migration of the Prince Edward Island (PEI) Beverage Container Program to an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model under the newly amended *Environmental Protection Act Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations* represents a unique opportunity to drive change and innovation to increase used beverage container (UBC) recovery rates.

Encorp Atlantic (“Encorp”) is a non-profit producer responsibility organization (PRO) located in Moncton, New Brunswick (NB) and representing over 300 beverage product producers who sell/distribute beverage products in the provinces of NB and PEI. Encorp is the PRO designated to manage all aspects of the new EPR Program on behalf of these producers, ensuring they can fulfill their obligations as stated in the *Environmental Protection Act*. Encorp is thus responsible for recycling services/management of these producers’ post-consumer deposit-bearing beverage containers.

Redemption centre (RC) operators should refer to their *Redemption Centre Service Agreement* (“agreement”) with Encorp for all details regarding expectations, services, and payments in effect April 1, 2026. With your collaboration and support, we are excited to move the EPR Program forward.

This document highlights important information RCs should take note of for April 1.

- Deposits and Refunds on Beverage Containers
- Products Included vs. Excluded from the Program
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DEPOSITS AND REFUNDS ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

The most immediate and exciting change for consumers with the new EPR Program is the financial benefit of recycling empty beverage containers. PEI consumers have been used to paying deposits when purchasing sealed, ready-to-drink beverage products and getting back half of these deposits as refunds when returning empty containers for recycling at RCs.

Starting April 1, 2026, the *Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations* requires that these deposits be fully refunded to consumers at RCs — meaning more money back into their pockets when recycling!

The new deposit/refund structure has also been simplified.

- **ALL beverage containers have a 10-cent deposit and refund - EXCEPT large (over 500 ml) glass beverage containers for alcohol beverages.**
- **Glass beverage containers over 500 ml for alcohol beverages have a 20-cent deposit and refund.**

Please ensure your RC is ready to start refunding your customers the appropriate amounts as of Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Encorp will provide each RC with printed posters and handouts detailing the change in deposits and refunds to educate consumers. We encourage you to have these in your customer service area and refer your customers to them regarding the refunds they can expect to receive on beverage containers. **Contact Encorp for more handouts when needed or to replace worn/damaged posters.**



WORTH THE RETURN Empties now mean **full** refunds.
Return empty beverage containers to a depot to get full refunds on deposits.



20¢ x 20¢
GLASS OVER 500 ML
ALCOHOL ONLY



10¢ x 10¢
ALL OTHER
CONTAINERS



A container recycling fee (CRF) may be added to the price or included in the price of certain beverage products. The CRF is an eco fee that goes towards recovering the cost of recycling the container.

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PRODUCTS IN THE PROGRAM

WORTH THE RETURN | DEPOSIT-BEARING BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

PEI depots issue refunds for containers from ALL ready-to-drink beverage products for which you paid a deposit at purchase.



water • fruit/vegetable juices • soda/soft drinks
milkshakes • drinkable yogurt/kefir • eggnog
iced coffee/tea • kombucha
most plant-based milk product alternatives
(see exception below)
energy drinks • protein shakes
electrolyte beverages • beer • wine • spirits
ciders • coolers • cannabis beverages • etc.

Please refer to the handy consumer education poster/handout here for information on which products are included and excluded from the program, which all RCs are encouraged to showcase in their customer service areas. This education tool and information about products in the program is available on Encorp's website.

Encorp also offers various reference tools for RC staff training purposes on its website, such as its "Searchable Reference Tool of Commonly Confused Products" and "Is-It-Deposit-Bearing?" notices/quizzes.

Note that Encorp also provides educational posters and handouts regarding how to prepare beverage containers and common types of containers that customers often mistakenly bring expecting a refund to help you inform your customers.

Contact Encorp for more handouts when needed or to replace worn/damaged posters.

EXCLUDING THESE

(No deposit charged at purchase)

<p>MILK (COW/GOAT) AND FLAVOURED MILK On the label: "fat-free / skim milk (1% M.F.), partly skimmed milk (1% or 2% M.F.), or whole / non-fermented milk (3.25% M.F.)."</p>	<p>PLANT-BASED MILK PRODUCT ALTERNATIVES THAT ARE FORTIFIED & A SOURCE OF PROTEIN On the label: "Almond beverage is 'Fortified'". Must also not have any serving size. (Most often, these are soy or cashew beverages.)</p>	<p>UNPROCESSED APPLE CIDER On the label: "No or a trace of being heated, pasteurized or otherwise processed."</p>	<p>CONCENTRATED BEVERAGES The product is not "ready-to-drink". It has to be mixed or diluted prior to drinking. (E.g.: cocktail mixes, frozen juices, syrups, concentrated milk, coffee/tea, cream, soups, flavour enhancers, etc.)</p>
<p>INFANT FORMULA On the label: "Infant Formula".</p>	<p>MEAL REPLACEMENTS & FORMULATED LIQUID DIETS On the label: "Meal Replacement" or "Formulated Liquid Diet".</p>	<p>BEVERAGES IN CONTAINERS LARGER THAN 5 L Only beverages up to a maximum of 5 L are eligible for return.</p>	<p>BEVERAGES PURCHASED OUTSIDE OF PEI On the label, information is not bilingual (English and French). "Return for Refund" is in one, or none is indicated in respect of "2¢" instead of "retrie" ("1¢/1.5¢").</p>

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WORTH THE RETURN | IF YOU CAN'T DRINK IT, THERE'S NO DEPOSIT ON IT.

Only containers from ready-to-drink beverages are eligible for a deposit refund at depots.

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

ONLY RETURN deposit-bearing beverage containers purchased in PEI worththereturn.ca

<p>Empty liquid and remove any debris.</p>	<p>Leave caps on.</p>	<p>Push straws in.</p>
<p>Ensure bottles are unbroken.</p>	<p>Stack beer bottles in their case.</p>	<p>Keep cans uncrushed.</p>
<p>Leave wine bladders in.</p>	<p>Keep labels intact.</p>	<p>Choose reusable bins/bags. (or clear bags)</p>



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NEW REDUCED SORT LIST

Please refer to Encorp's Sort List and start sorting and tagging accordingly as of Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

For detailed instructions regarding each material type sort/SKU, refer to Encorp's illustrated guide series, *How to Sort & Bulk Deposit-Bearing Beverage Containers*, available on Encorp's website.

GLASS

Glass beverage containers need to be separated into 3 different tubs for 6 different sorts:

- Green glass (sorts/SKUs 12 and 22)
- Clear glass (sorts/SKUs 13 and 20)
- Brown glass (sorts/SKUs 14 and 18)

Only completely clear glass can be included in the tub with the clear glass sorts. If it is pigmented or tinted at all, it needs to be included with either the green glass sorts or the brown glass sorts.

If the glass container is not completely clear, but is also neither green nor brown, it can be mixed in with the green glass sorts. For example, include opaque glass, blue glass, pink glass, etc., in the tub with the green glass.

PET ALCOHOL

As of April 1, 2026, all PET alcohol containers will be mixed in the same sort, sort/SKU 10, regardless of size. You will no longer need to separate small and large PET alcohol containers, and all PET alcohol containers will be worth the same deposit/refund.

WINE BOXES/BLADDERS

In NB, we ask RCs to count wine boxes in the cartons sort (sort/SKU 28). However, we understand that PEI consumers are used to bringing wine bladders to RCs without the box. So, **from April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027, we ask PEI RCs to count wine bladders in the other plastics sort (sort/SKU 11)**. During this time, Encorp will be educating consumers and asking them to bring both the wine box and bladder intact to RCs. The intent will be to stop counting and refunding wine bladders, and to start counting and refunding wine box cartons after March 31, 2027.

When you receive a wine box/bladder at your RC, make sure to remove the bladders from the wine boxes. Place the bladders in the other plastics bulk bag (sort/SKU 11). COUNT ALL bladders as part of any total unit counts. Give consumers a refund for each wine bladder they return.

Flatten wine boxes and place them in the cartons bulk bag (sort/SKU 28) along with all other carton containers from this sort/SKU. However, DO NOT COUNT wine boxes as part of any total unit counts. Do not give consumers a refund for each wine box, just give them a refund for the wine bladders.

SORT LIST

	MATERIAL TYPE	SORT/SKU
METALS	ALUMINUM	9
	STEEL	8
PLASTICS	PET / HDPE TRANSLUCENT (NON-ALCOHOL)	3
	PET (ALCOHOL)	10
	ALL OTHER PLASTICS / POUCHES	11
GLASS	GREEN GLASS	+ 12
	GREEN GLASS (ALCOHOL > 500 ml)	22
	CLEAR GLASS	+ 13
	CLEAR GLASS (ALCOHOL > 500 ml)	20
	BROWN GLASS	+ 14
	BROWN GLASS (ALCOHOL > 500 ml)	18
	REFILLABLE GLASS (BEER)	27
CARTONS	CARTONS	28

+ SHARE SAME BULK BAG/TUB

APRIL 2026



ENSYS-CONNEX POS SYSTEM

For Encorp's *EnSys-Connex* POS, our IT team will make all necessary changes/adjustments for you. We will automatically update the refund values in your POS system on Tuesday night, March 31, 2026.

Note that you should ship all bags/tubs closed prior to April 1, 2026, as is (you will not need to re-tag any of these bags/tubs). Any open PET (alcohol > 500ml) bulk bags (Sort/SKU 29) should be closed at end of day March 31, 2026. This sort will be merged into the existing bulk bags for Sort/SKU 10 going forward. An email with detailed instructions will be sent to all RCs currently using *EnSys-Connex* by our IT team in the days leading up to April 1, 2026.

A *User Guide* for the *EnSys-Connex* POS system is available on Encorp's website, and any questions about how to use the POS can be directed to Encorp's IT team.

BULK BAGS

Encorp has placed an order for new bulk bags for PEI RCs, matching the design of the bulk bags currently used in NB. Due to a long production lead time, these new bags are not expected to arrive until later in 2026. We will update you as soon as we have a confirmed delivery timeline.

In the meantime, Encorp has ordered additional temporary bags for PEI RCs, which are expected to arrive before April 1, 2026. These temporary bags are similar in size to the ones you are currently using (35" cubed). Label Construction and Sanitation will deliver the temporary bags to your centres as soon as they become available.

PICKUP SCHEDULES

Ship all bulk bags/tubs closed in your RC prior to April 1, 2026, as is (do not re-tag). Start sorting and tagging according to Encorp's new reduced Sort List on April 1, 2026.

Current pickup schedules will not be interrupted. The same carriers you are used to seeing will continue to pick up from your RC.

- All bulk bags and glass tubs will get picked up by Label Construction & Sanitation (902-894-4666)
- All pallets of refillable beer bottles will get picked up by Armour Transportation Systems working in conjunction with Labatt Breweries and Molson Coors.

Refer to Encorp's *Pickup Schedules* document for more details, available on Encorp's website.

QUALITY CONTROL (QC)

RCs are paid a service fee to accurately sort and count deposit-bearing beverage containers. Inaccurate container counts can pose a financial burden on the PEI Program. QC is thus a high priority for Encorp, and it should also be a priority for your RC.

We use a systematic sampling method to monitor the level of compliance and report on a regular basis to individual RCs with the necessary adjustments.

QC for PEI RCs will begin in the summer of 2026. We will send RCs a notice shortly before we begin the QC process.

Encorp sends each RC a confidential *Accuracy Trend Report*, showing the RC's accuracy trend line as it evolves. The goal of this monthly reporting tool is to help RC operators stay on top of their QC results and take action earlier if they are under-reporting or over-reporting their container counts. RC operators receive these reports from Encorp via email.

Twice per year (December and June), Encorp gives out *Accuracy Awards* to RCs that have shown excellent accuracy trends over the past 12 months (their estimated average error is between +1% and -1%, and their estimated relative standard deviation of the errors is less than 5%). Each RC that receives an *Accuracy Award* will be sent a prize to share with the members of its staff and management team so that all employees can be rewarded for their work.

More detailed information on our QC program can be found in the *Quality Control (QC) Measures* document on Encorp's website.

PAYMENTS

As the PRO responsible for the management of ALL deposit-bearing beverage containers in PEI, Encorp will be issuing RCs all payments regarding their services in collecting and handling deposit-bearing beverage containers, including alcohol, non-alcohol, and refillable beverage containers.

Encorp will remit payments to RC operators each week on Wednesday. **Please refer to your agreement with Encorp for more details.**

OTHER RECYCLABLES

Encorp only manages the recycling of deposit-bearing beverage containers. Please refer to your appropriate service providers regarding instructions for all other types of recyclables your RC may be collecting from consumers, such as e-waste and paint, paper products, etc.

QUESTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Encorp will provide each RC with a helpful *Operations & Logistics* binder. This binder is meant to help RC operators and staff by having all the guides, instructions, and notices related to operations and logistics in one place. All documents that will be included in this binder can be found on Encorp's website.

Please contact Encorp's Director of Operations should your RC have any questions or concerns regarding operations and logistics.