

Subject: EPR Beverage Container Programs in NB & PEI – New CRF Rates for April 1, 2027

To all beverage producers registered with Encorp,

As part of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) beverage container recycling programs in New Brunswick (NB) and Prince Edward Island (PEI), Encorp Atlantic/Encorp Atlantique (“Encorp”) sets a container recycling fee (CRF) on container material types as needed specific to the net costs associated with managing each material type. The upcoming changes to the CRF rates have been approved by Encorp’s Board of Directors following a thorough review of program expenses and revenue.

**This notice is being provided in advance to allow you time to prepare for the adjustment.
The new CRF rates in effect as of April 1, 2027, are listed in the table below.**

CONTAINER TYPE*	NEW CRF (EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2027)
Aluminum	1 cent
PET/HDPE	7 cents
All other plastics	4 cents
Non-refillable glass	15 cents
Refillable glass (beer)	0 cents
Steel	3 cents
Cartons (Polycoat containers + wine boxes/bag-in-box)	0 cents

**Applies to all beverage containers 5 L and under for products that fit the NB [Designated Materials Regulation's](#) and the PEI [Environmental Protection Act Materials Stewardship and Recycling Regulations](#)’ definition of “beverage.”*

No Change to Deposits

Please note that there are no anticipated changes to the deposit amounts consumers pay on beverage containers at the point of purchase.

NB: [Current deposit/refund amounts, which have been in place since April 1, 2024, will remain unchanged.](#)

PEI: [Current deposit/refund amounts, which have been in place since April 1, 2026, will remain unchanged.](#)

CRF Change Drivers in NB & PEI

As a non-profit organization, Encorp regularly reviews the expenses and revenues associated with each container material type to ensure fees remain appropriate. CRF rates are updated annually, with new rates coming into effect on April 1. Encorp may also adjust CRF rates at other times in response to unexpected financial circumstances. Any rate changes are announced at least 90 days prior to their effective date.

The deposit-refund system relies primarily on three sources of revenue to fund the collection, transportation, processing, and recycling of beverage containers: unclaimed deposit amounts, CRFs, and revenues generated through the sale of recovered materials. Since the transition to EPR in NB and PEI in 2024 and 2026, respectively, container return rates have continued to increase. While this reflects the success of the programs in recovering more beverage containers for recycling, higher return rates also result in fewer unclaimed deposits being available to support program operations.

Transportation costs have also increased significantly in recent years, driven in large part by elevated fuel surcharge rates. These higher transportation expenses affect all stages of the recycling system and have placed additional pressure on program finances.

At the same time, the loss of local end markets for certain plastic materials has increased both processing and marketing costs. Materials that were previously managed through local recycling outlets must now be transported farther, increasing overall program costs.

In addition, commodity markets continue to experience significant volatility, affecting the revenues generated through the sale of recovered materials. Fluctuations in market demand and commodity pricing have reduced the predictability of recycling revenues and have contributed to financial pressure across several material streams.

These factors have not affected every material type equally. As a result, the 2027 CRF adjustments vary by material category to reflect the unique financial performance and cost pressures associated with each material stream rather than applying a uniform increase across all beverage containers.

Material-specific considerations include:

- **Aluminum** continues to maintain a strong reserve position and remains financially healthy.
- **PET/HDPE** have experienced increasing costs and declining reserve balances, driven largely by the loss of end markets and increased processing requirements.
- **Other plastics** have experienced increasing costs and declining reserve balances, driven largely by changes in recycling markets.
- **Glass** has been impacted by higher handling costs.
- **Steel** continues to maintain a stable reserve position.
- **Cartons** continues to maintain a stable reserve position.





Webinar to Answer Your Questions

Encorp will be hosting a webinar to provide additional information on the 2027 CRF adjustments. During the webinar, Encorp will review the changes, explain the factors that have contributed to the rate adjustments, and provide producers with an opportunity to ask questions.

The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026, at 2:00pm ADT.

[Click here to register for the webinar.](#)

Additional details on CRFs can be found on our website under the *Beverage Industry* menu at encorpatl.ca.

For any questions, please contact us at **1-877-389-7320** or epr-rep@encorpatl.ca.

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