

DEPOSIT BEVERAGE CONTAINER PROGRAM A.K.A THE BOTTLE BILL



When you go to the store to buy your favorite beverages this month, you may be charged an extra 6¢ per labeled beverage container.

To comply with Hawaii's new beverage container law, retailers may begin charging a five-cent refundable deposit on each container marked

with the "HI-5" label. The 1¢ non-refundable fee helps run the recycling program. The 5¢ deposit fee is refundable.

Refundable means you get the five-cent deposit back by simply taking the container to a Redemption Center near you, beginning Jan. 1, 2005.

Although the program doesn't officially start until January, the

stores may charge the 5¢ deposit beginning Nov. 1st on labeled plastic bottles and aluminum/metal beverage containers 64 oz. and under.

So check the tops or sides for "HI-5" and start collecting them now for the cash refund beginning January 2005.

For more information call Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch at 586-4226.

New Beverage Charges 1¢ Container Fee

This is a non-refundable fee that pays redemption centers to process and recycle the containers.

5¢ Deposit per Container

The deposit is refunded to customers when they take their empty containers to a redemption center to be recycled.

(For example, a 24 pack of beverages will have an extra \$1.44 added to cover the deposit and fee. You can get up to \$1.20 back when you turn in your containers at a Redemption center after January 1, 2005)

When Charges Begin

October 1, 2004

1¢ Non-refundable Container Fee



November 1, 2004

5¢ Deposit per container (only on labeled deposit beverage containers)

January 1, 2005

All beverage containers required by law to have a deposit will need to be labeled in order to be sold. Unlabeled containers cannot be sold after December 31, 2004.

Deposit Labels

Look for the following markings on the side or top of the beverage container: HI 5¢, Hawaii 5¢, or CT, DE, HI, IA, ME, NY,OR, MA, VT, 5¢

Deposit Beverages

Beverage type

All non-alcoholic drinks (soda, water, juice, tea, coffee), except for milk or dairy products.

Limited alcoholic drinks

(beer, malt beverages, mixed spirits, mixed wine)

Container material type

Aluminum/metal, glass, plastic

Note: Only plastics #1 and #2 are covered under the law. Look for the triangle and number symbol on the plastic container.



Container size

64 fluid ounces or less

Note: 2 liter containers are not covered under the law.

Container Information

Containers must be empty and clean. Containers must not be crushed.

Get Your Deposit Back

Starting January 1, 2005, certified redemption centers will refund deposits to people who recycle their empty deposit beverage containers. Look for a sign located at the store entrance that gives the name and location of the nearest certified redemption center.