



WA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

The WA Government has committed to introducing a statewide container deposit scheme to reduce plastic litter.

Beverage containers make up around a third of the volume of litter in Western Australia – yet most are manufactured from readily recyclable materials such as glass, plastic, aluminium and cardboard.

Container deposit schemes allow consumers to take empty beverage containers to a return point for a refund. They also offer an incentive for people to collect littered containers and earn extra income.

WA's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) is planned to commence in 2020.



THE FACTS

- WA's container deposit scheme will help reduce litter, increase recycling and protect the environment.
- Recycling not only generates positive environmental benefits, it also has economic benefits. With every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, more than nine jobs are created – compared to around three jobs when the same amount of waste is sent to landfill.
- The WA CDS will give community groups, charities and sporting clubs a new way to raise much-needed funds.
- South Australia has the longest-running container deposit scheme and sees a 76% return rate for drink containers, and has a landfill diversion rate of about 80%.

In WA, a 10 cent refund will be provided on the return of eligible beverage containers (those most commonly seen as litter – generally being plastic and glass bottles, cartons and cans between 150ml and 3L. The collected containers are then available for recycling and become new products and materials.

Beverage containers eligible under the scheme will carry a refund mark to identify them to consumers.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE CDS?

- ✓ Most containers between 150ml and 3L
- ✓ Soft drink cans and bottles
- ✓ Water bottles – both plastic and glass
- ✓ Small flavoured milk drink containers
- ✓ Beer and cider cans and bottles
- ✓ Sports drink bottles
- ✓ Spirit-based mixed drink containers

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

- ✗ Plain milk (or milk substitute) containers
- ✗ Flavoured milk containers of 1L or more
- ✗ Pure fruit or vegetable juice containers of 1L or more
- ✗ Glass containers for wine and spirits
- ✗ Casks for wine and water of 1L or more
- ✗ Sachets for wine of 250ml or more
- ✗ Containers for cordials and concentrated fruit and vegetable juices
- ✗ Registered health tonic containers