



## OVERVIEW OF SARCAN

2007-2008

- SARCAN is the recycling division of the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres, which is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008.
- SARCAN, which is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday in 2008, was formed to handle the contract for the recycling of non-refillable deposit beverage containers.
- SARCAN currently accepts all ready-to-serve non-refillable beverage containers made of aluminum, tin/steel, plastic, glass, and aseptic packaging for deposit refund.
- **Last year, we recycled more than 303 million containers, which returned more than \$35.9 million in deposit refunds. SARCAN's return rate continues to be the highest in all of Canada.**
- In addition to deposit beverage containers, SARCAN recycles milk containers, refillable beer bottles, used paint, and obsolete electronics. All of SARCAN's endeavours result in a waste reduction of more than 18,385 tonnes annually.

Material	Number of Containers	Weight (lbs.)	Return Rates
Aluminum	159,361,976	5,125,872	90.87%
P.E.T. Plastic	95,530,540	7,523,263	84.06%
Glass	27,603,187	20,327,581	84.81%
Tin/Bi-metal	923,747	172,708	90.87%
Mixed Plastic	1,630,256	260,751	84.06%
Juice Boxes	18,693,451	952,775	54.75%
<b>Total Deposit Cont.</b>	<b>303,743,157</b>	<b>34,362,950</b>	<b>84.69%</b>
Non-Legislated Cans	772,609	24,850	---
Plastic Milk Jugs	6,546,120	916,544	44.77%
Paper Milk Cartons	4,126,533	350,785	20.61%
Beer Bottles	9,686,743	---	---
Used Paint	153,144 units	927,372	---
Obsolete Electronics	179,606 units	3,866,112	---
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>325,207,912</b>	<b>40,448,613 lbs or 18,385.7 tonnes</b>	

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- There are 71 SARCAN depots in 62 communities throughout Saskatchewan.
- Of these 71 depots, 43 are operated by our SARC Member Centres across Saskatchewan.
- All SARC Member Centres operating SARCAN depots receive management fees annually. These payments provide funding support to our Member Centres and provide seed capital to expand the programs they offer for persons with disabilities.
- SARCAN employs more than 413 adults permanently, plus an additional 178 seasonal casual employees. The majority of our staff are persons with disabilities or persons who had previously received Social Assistance. **This results in a reduction of more than \$1.5 million in annual payments of Social Assistance and a net social benefit of more than \$2.5 million per year for Saskatchewan.**
- SARCAN pays competitive wages and provides excellent group benefits and pension plans.
- SARCAN has an operating budget of \$17.918 million. Over 89% of these costs are spent within Saskatchewan, and 68% of these costs are for wages and benefits for employees.
- SARCAN remains committed to expanding employment opportunities for persons with disabilities in the recycling industry. We will continue to pursue new initiatives that can create additional employment.
- SARCAN truly provides:
  1. An employment benefit;
  2. An environmental benefit; and
  3. A net economic benefit to Saskatchewan.
- Most important of all, we are creating the dignity of meaningful work for persons with disabilities. We provide greater economic freedom, empowerment, and personal independence.

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