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We continue to strive to make SARCAN better for our customers and employees.

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# FAQ

## Answers to Frequently Asked Questions About SARCAN Recycling

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## SARCAN Depot Guidelines

Over 85% of all deposit-paid, ready-to-serve beverage containers sold in Saskatchewan (over 280 million annually) are recycled at SARCAN Recycling depots province-wide. This incredible volume makes your local SARCAN Recycling depot a busy place.

The following explains some of our guidelines, which are designed to ensure quick-moving lineups, accurate container counts and a safe workplace for our employees.



### Why remove bottle caps?

Bottle caps do not get recycled with bottles. By removing the caps before you recycle, you'll get faster and more efficient service, and help us avoid an increase in wrist injuries such as Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.



### Why sort containers by material type?

We want to ensure you get the refund you are entitled to. By sorting your containers beforehand, the counting process is greatly simplified. This ensures an accurate count and faster, more efficient service.



### Why are overly dirty or broken containers refused?

SARCAN provides a safe and healthy environment for employees. Broken containers pose an obvious risk to the personal safety of our employees. Containers that are excessively dirty or contain foreign waste can expose our employees to unknown and potentially dangerous health hazards.



### Why remove caps, rinse and flatten milk jugs?

We work hard to make SARCAN Recycling depots clean and customer friendly. Rinsing milk jugs in hot water eliminates milk residue, thereby preventing the foul odour caused by fermented milk. Removing the caps allows proper air drying, further reducing the chance of odour. Flattening saves space in your storage area and at SARCAN recycling depots.

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**Why? Why are customer signatures and phone numbers required on tally sheets?**

SARCAN Recycling, like any other private enterprise in Saskatchewan, must provide documentation of its business activities to the government. Customer signatures and phone numbers on our tally sheets prove that we have provided refunds in the event that SARCAN is subject to a financial audit.

**Why? Why is there a \$50 per person per week refund limit?**

To discourage the return of non-deposit, out-of province containers, SARCAN has set a weekly container return limit of \$50 per person. It is a crime to claim a deposit refund for beverage containers purchased outside Saskatchewan and we are committed to protecting Saskatchewan's deposit refund system.

**Why? Why are some customers required to show identification?**

SARCAN is only obligated to refund deposits to Saskatchewan residents for beverage containers sold in Saskatchewan. Denying refunds to non-residents also helps curb the fraudulent movement of out-of-province containers.

**What? What is the EHC?**

Upon purchase, a non-refundable Environmental Handling Charge (EHC) is added to the cost of most ready-to-serve, non-refillable beverage containers. The EHC helps finance the cost of SARCAN's comprehensive province-wide collection, processing, transportation, and marketing recycling system.

**EHC Amounts**

Metal beverage cans:	5¢
Plastic bottles:	6¢
Glass bottles:	7¢
Juice boxes:	3¢

## Deposit Refunds

The cost of a beverage container involves more than paying a deposit. While these charges are consistent throughout the province, how they appear on receipt slips may differ from store to store. Below is an explanation of the charges.



**What? What is the deposit?**

The deposit is an amount charged per container as an incentive to return the container for recycling at SARCAN. The full deposit amount is refunded at any SARCAN Recycling depot.

## Deposit Amounts

Metal Beverage Cans & Plastic Bottles	Glass Bottles
Up to 300 ml: 10¢	Up to 300 ml: 10¢
301 to 999 ml: 10¢	301 to 999 ml: 20¢
1L & over: 20¢	1L & over: 40¢
<b>Other</b>	
Juice boxes & cartons (non-dairy) all sizes:	5¢
Refillable beer bottles – all sizes:	4¢

## Non-deposit Materials

To help protect Saskatchewan's environment, we also collect a variety of non-deposit materials. There is no charge to drop off these materials at any SARCAN depot. There is also no refund or deposit. The cost of recycling materials is covered by an environmental fee.

**What? What non-deposit materials can be taken to SARCAN depots?**

**Milk Containers:**

- Paper milk cartons
- Plastic milk jugs

**Paint: (Full or Empty Cans)**

- Household paint
- Aerosol paint

**Electronic Equipment:**

- Desktop computers
- Desktop fax machines
- Laptop computers
- Computer monitors
- Desktop printers
- Scanners
- Televisions



## SARCAN Facts

**What is SARCAN?**

SARCAN is the recycling division of the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres (SARC) that holds the exclusive contract with Saskatchewan Environment to recycle used beverage containers across the province. Over 71 SARCAN depots, half of which are operated by SARC member agencies, provide a comprehensive provincial collection, processing, transportation, and marketing system to recycle most ready-to-serve beverage containers.

**The 3 E's**

SARCAN believes in "the 3 E's":

- Employment Creation
- Environment Protection
- Economic Development

**Does SARCAN hire people of all abilities?**

**Who?**

Yes, SARCAN hires qualified employees of all abilities. Employees earn highly competitive wages and have a full-spectrum group benefit plan and pension plan. We are proud of our employees; they work hard to make SARCAN one of the best recycling systems in North America. As new items are added to our list of recyclables, we are expanding our workforce in all areas of our company.

**The Future**

SARCAN looks forward to providing additional recycling services in the future. Through these new initiatives, SARCAN will continue to create employment opportunities for persons of all abilities, economic development for the province of Saskatchewan, and a cleaner environment.