

BENEFITING FROM OREGON'S BOTTLE BILL

139 million pounds of glass, plastic and metal beverage containers were recycled in Oregon in 2014. These clean, recovered materials are used to make new products.

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Estimated number of people employed by Oregon's privately-operated beverage container redemption system – All at **NO COST** to Oregon taxpayers.



BottleDrop[®]
Oregon Redemption Center

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Current number of Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative-operated BottleDrop outlets. BottleDrops are opened at a rate of at least four per year. All glass and plastic bottles collected are processed locally by ORPET and Owens-Illinois.

2,900

Number of in-state large grocers and convenience stores beverage containers can also be returned to.

110,000

Approximate 2014 greenhouse gas savings (in metric tons of CO₂ equivalent) achieved from recycling beverage containers via Bottle Bill.

1,500

Estimated number of fundraising or charitable organizations benefiting from Bottle Bill.



Percent beverage container-related roadside litter has decreased since the program's rollout in October 1972, from 40 percent to less than six percent.



28¢

What a nickel in 1971 is equal to in buying power in 2015. If deposits kept up with inflation, today's refund value on a six-pack would be \$1.68 rather than 30 cents.

Raising the deposit to a dime helps Oregon get closer to inflation-related rates, and studies show the size of the deposit does positively affect the return rate of containers.



"The environmental crisis towers over us like a massive cresting wave. If we establish standards and hold to them, we resist engulfment and save ourselves – and business – from inundation, ocean by ocean, by bottles and containers..."

– former Governor Tom McCall

THE BOTTLE BILL IS GREAT FOR OREGON!