

Recycling Terms

CA Redemption Value (CRV)

In California, all carbonated beverages sold in aluminum cans, glass bottles and plastic #1 (PET) bottles require a deposit. The deposit amount is 2.5¢ for containers under 24 ounces and 5¢ for containers at or above 24 ounces. This deposit is redeemable at any certified redemption center.

Redemption Center

Many large grocery stores have redemption centers located in their parking lots that pay for CRV aluminum cans, glass bottles, and plastic #1 (PET) bottles. Some also accept newspaper. To locate a redemption center near you, please contact the California Department of Conservation Recycling Hotline at (800) RECYCLE.

Buyback

Recycling facilities often pay cash for recyclable materials. The most common types of materials for buyback are CRV containers, aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic #1 (PET) bottles, newspaper, white paper and cardboard. Some companies may have minimum quality and quantity requirements for buyback.

Drop-off

Most recycling facilities will accept materials on a drop-off basis. Call to confirm operating hours and material preparation requirements. Some supermarkets also have drop-off containers or "igloos" for aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic #1 (PET) bottles and newspaper.

Pickup

Many recycling companies provide pickup service on a one-time or regular basis. Availability of such service depends on the quality and quantity of materials as well as geographic proximity.

Fees

Recycling facilities and recycling companies may charge a fee for handling certain materials, such as appliances, yard trimmings, tires, oil or hazardous materials. These fees are usually nominal and make it possible to offset recycling costs and divert such materials away from landfills.

Curbside Pickup

Every city in Alameda County offers curbside recycling programs. Most pickup newspapers, cardboard, cans, bottles and other commonly recycled materials. For more information about curbside pickup in your area, see the curbside recycling directory on page 12.

Transfer Station

Transfer Stations receive garbage for hauling to landfills and often have recycling operations that take cans, bottles, paper, and certain plastics. Transfer Stations increasingly accept materials such as used motor oil, appliances, tires, untreated wood and yard trimmings. See the inside back cover for the telephone number of the nearest transfer station.

