

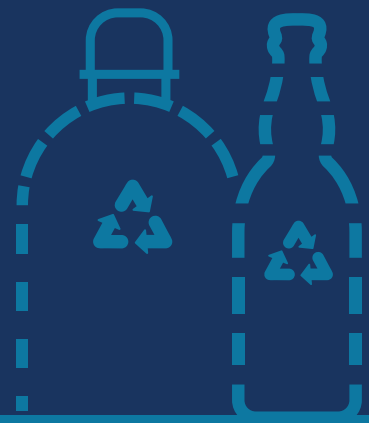


**Economic
Engines.**

**Alberta
Bottle
Depots**

**Community
Builders.**

**Environmental
Leaders.**



Each day Albertans return an average of **5 million beverage containers** to Alberta Depots and redeem an average of **\$600,000 in deposits.**

Only **9% of plastics** are recycled in Canada yet nearly **82%** of Alberta's non-refillable plastic beverage containers were collected in 2019 – **more than 80%** of the materials in each container were recycled **into new plastic containers.**

Alberta Depots donated **more than \$1 million** to charities that support sick children since 2009.



Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation



Ronald McDonald House Charities Alberta





Alberta has the **largest beverage container collection system** in Canada – collecting the containers from more than 150,000 products sold in Alberta and nearly **2 billion containers** in 2019 (an **85 per cent return rate**).

FACT: Depot owners in Edmonton, Calgary, and Grande Prairie each recently invested in excess of **\$2.5 million to open new, low touch, and high tech Depots** with automated sorting and counting systems.

These state-of-the-art facilities offer low-contact beverage container sorting and automated counting systems to determine each customer's deposit return. They are fast, credible, and safe.

FACT: Depots operate with nearly **1,200 full-time equivalent employees**.

Frontline workers earn an average of just under \$20/hour. Depots also indirectly support their local economies through the many vendor relationships that help their businesses thrive.

FACT: 92% of Albertans can return their beverage containers to a Depot in their home community.

With 224 Depots in more than 160 communities, a whopping 92% of Albertans can return their beverage containers in their home community. Why does this matter? Albertans say that convenience is critical to their willingness to return containers for recycling.

FACT: Albertans' beverage containers are reprocessed in Canada and the United States.

With very few exceptions, Alberta beverage containers are used to make new goods. Plastic beverage containers are reprocessed in Western Canada and are used to make new containers. Aluminum cans can be recycled an infinite number of times and are reprocessed in the United States into new cans.

FACT: Albertans raised **more than \$30 million** through bottle drives in 2019.

Depots are well known for helping individuals and community organizations raise funds through bottle drives. As independent businesses, many also choose to operate as non-profits that support social outcomes and/or fund community groups, sports teams, and other initiatives in their communities.

FACT: Albertans have continued to return containers to Depots **throughout the COVID-19 pandemic**.

Deemed an essential business during the March 2020 business closures, Depots have made customer and staff safety, confidence, and communication their top priorities. Their efforts have benefited their communities and served their customers well. Despite an initial decline in Albertans' container returns early on, they rebounded over the summer and Depots have remained busy and safely serving customers.

It took foresight for the Government of Alberta to adopt one of the world's earliest regulated deposit return systems for beverage containers. The system - introduced in 1972 - worked well then and, thanks to a collaborative industry and the support of Albertans, continues to generate impressive returns and improve with time.

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