

# Oregon's Bottle Bill Expansion – S.B. 707

## What customers need to know

Beginning Jan. 1, 2009, two major changes are taking effect for Oregon's bottle bill. Here are some reminders for Oregon consumers.

- Oregon is adding bottled water to the list of containers that can be redeemed for a 5¢ deposit. The kinds (types) of containers that are included in Oregon's Bottle bill are:
  - Water/flavored water
  - Beer/malt beverages
  - Soda water/mineral water
  - Carbonated soft drinks
- All redeemable containers must be labeled with the OR 5¢ deposit on the label
- Only containers purchased in Oregon are eligible for a 5¢ redemption
- Retail outlets of 5,000 square feet or more are required to accept bottle and can returns of all brands and sizes of beverage containers for each kind (type) they sell.

Example 1: If Joy's Supermarket (a store over 5,000 sq. feet) sells water, soft drinks and beer, then they are required to accept bottle returns of *all* brands and sizes of water, soft drinks and beer - even brand names that they don't carry in their stores.

Example 2: If Christie's Mega Food Warehouse (over 5,000 sq. feet) carries only soft drinks and water (but does not sell beer) then, they are only required to accept back all brands and sizes of soft drinks and water- even brands that they don't sell. However, they are not required to accept back any beer containers, because they do not sell that kind (type) of beverage.

- Retailers under 5,000 square feet may continue to accept back only brands and sizes they sell.
- Stores may limit the number of containers that can be redeemed per person per day.
  - Consumers may be limited to a maximum of 144 containers per day at retailers 5,000 square feet or more.
  - Consumers may be limited to a maximum of 50 containers per day at retailers under 5,000 square feet.
- A store can legally refuse to take back your cans/bottles if they are:
  - Crushed in such a way that you cannot see the brand of container or the OR 5¢ designation. However, crushed and dented cans are still redeemable if these markings are visible.
  - Contaminated by a substance other than water, the residue of the original contents or ordinary dust.
- For more information visit [http://oregon.gov/OLCC/bottle\\_bill.shtml](http://oregon.gov/OLCC/bottle_bill.shtml) or call Jan Smith at 503-872-5217.

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