Oregon’s Bottle Bill requires businesses that sell sealed beverage containers to customers to accept empty beverage containers from customers and pay the customer 10 cents per container. These businesses generally include grocery stores and convenience stores, but could include restaurants, brewpubs, distributors, and more. Marijuana retailers that sell sealed beverages containing THC are also subject to the requirements of the Oregon Bottle Bill.

How many and what type of containers your business is required to redeem depends on the beverages you sell, the size of your business, how close you are to a BottleDrop redemption center, and for businesses of 5,000 or more square feet, whether or not you participate in a redemption center.

Here’s what you need to do with regard to the Bottle Bill:

□ Contact Becky Voelkel in OLCC’s Bottle Bill Program at 503-872-5132 or OLCC.bottlebill@oregon.gov as soon as possible. You will need to provide her with the physical address and the entire square footage of your business so she can determine your requirements. Save this contact information for questions that might come up later.

□ If Bottle Bill Program staff determine that you are required to accept empty beverage containers, post the sign that you receive from OLCC, which will state how many containers you must accept and what containers you are allowed to refuse. You must post the sign in a clearly visible location in each area where you accept empty containers from customers.

□ If your circumstances change, don’t change the number of containers you accept without first contacting OLCC and receiving your new sign.

□ If you need to arrange for the empty containers to be picked up from your store, contact the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) at 503-222-2266. OBRC is a private entity that operates redemption centers and redeems and recycles containers. OBRC is not a government entity and is not affiliated with OLCC. Please do not contact OLCC to arrange for collection of your empty containers.

For general information including frequently asked questions and redemption center locations, go to www.oregon.gov/OLCC/pages/bottle_bill.aspx.

For specific questions, call 503-872-5132 or email OLCC.bottlebill@oregon.gov.

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