



News Release

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Correction: Last call for 5¢ cans and bottles! Sale of “OR-5¢” labeled beverage containers ends September 30

The release has been edited to correct the point that only the selling of 5¢ marked beverage containers is ceasing on September 30. Consumers may continue to redeem these cans for the 10¢ redemption value past this date.

Portland, OR -- The sale of beverage containers marked with the five-cent refund value will not be allowed past September 30, 2018. After this date, only eligible beverage containers bearing the “OR-10¢” refund value may be sold, with some exceptions.

Beverage containers with a five-cent refund value include carbonated soft drinks, beer and water beverages in metal, glass or plastic containers, up to and including 3 fluid liters in volume. Although labeled for the five cent refund value, these beverage containers can continue to be redeemed at the current 10 cent amount past September 30.

Beginning October 1, these “OR-5¢” marked beverage containers can no longer be allowed to be sold in Oregon.

The refund value increased from five cents to 10 cents on April 1, 2017. Water, beer, and carbonated soft drink containers marked with “OR-5¢” could still be sold through September 30, 2018, even though the refund value was increased to 10-cents.

On January 1, 2018 Oregon expanded the Bottle Bill to add beverages such as fruit juices, coffee/tea, sports drinks, hard cider – and many more – that are between 4 ounces and 1.5 liters. These containers join carbonated soft drinks, beer and water beverages with a refund value of 10 cents. Consumers may be charged a 10 cent deposit on these beverage containers, but manufacturers have until January 1, 2019 to add “OR-10¢” to their containers, so some of these containers may appear on store shelves without a deposit stamp for now. A full list of all eligible containers can be found at https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/docs/bottle_bill/ExpandedBeverage_Included.pdf

The OLCC sees as one of its limited responsibilities for redemption and redemption centers as insuring that consumers and businesses understand the system so it serves the goals of Oregonians well. Some important facts to remember about Oregon’s Bottle Bill:

- Keep it local: Only beverage containers purchased in Oregon are eligible to be redeemed in Oregon.
- Know the limits: Up to 350 containers per day can be redeemed at a BottleDrop redemption center, or up to 144 containers per day at large grocery stores that are not part of the convenience zone of a redemption center. Up to 50 containers can be redeemed at a convenience-type store per day that is

not in a redemption center convenience zone and 24 for these stores that are located in a convenience zone.

- Look it up: To find a redemption center, visit <http://www.bottledropcenters.com/Locations>

For more information about the Bottle Bill, visit https://www.oregon.gov/olcc/pages/bottle_bill.aspx

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