

Join the Department of Health in getting ready for the upcoming Bottle Bill by entering the **SCHOOL RECYCLING CHALLENGE**

The Challenge

Recycle as many empty metal, glass and/or plastic beverage containers for your school as possible from November 1 - December 31, 2004. Take your containers to a participating recycler and tell their staff to donate the containers to your school. Participating recyclers will then submit donation numbers for your school to the Department of Health (DOH).

Background: Hawaii's Bottle Bill starts January 1, 2005 when all containers labeled with the Hawaii deposit value (HI 5¢) will be eligible for refund when recycled. However, unlabeled containers **currently** being sold are not eligible for a 5-cent refund. The School Recycling Challenge will help to recycle unlabeled containers, educate students and their families about the Bottle Bill, and give schools an opportunity to win prizes.

Win Prizes

DOH will give cash prizes to the schools that recycle the most containers.

1 st place schools	\$ 10,000
2 nd place schools	\$ 5,000
3 rd place schools	\$ 4,000
4 th place schools	\$ 3,000
5 th place schools	\$ 2,000
6 th place schools	\$ 1,000

Each place will have three winners based on school size. For example: three schools will win 1st place – one large school, one medium school and one small school.

An estimated 800 million beverage containers are sold in Hawaii each year. Over 66 million containers are sold every month. Most of these containers are discarded in the trash or as litter.

Easy Participation

No campus collection days necessary! Students take beverage containers directly to sites run by participating recyclers, saving schools time and effort and teaching students how to redeem deposit containers before the bottle bill starts on January 1, 2005.

Increased recycling opportunity!

Recyclers will take metal, glass and plastic beverage containers. Complement your school's existing environmental education curriculum and give students a "hands-on" learning experience.

Updates posted on website!

Bookmark the DOH website for regular updates on donation counts and locations of redemption centers. Visit the website at: www.hawaii.gov/health



If every K-12 student in Hawaii recycled 1 beverage container a day, and asked 5 others to do the same, then in one month they will recycle 34,380,000 beverage containers. That's over 50% of the waste beverage containers generated monthly!

Get started!

- ✓ **Complete and submit Entry Form. DO IT TODAY!**
Questions? Contact John Valera
Phone (808) 586-4245
Email jvalera@eha.health.state.hi.us
- ✓ **Select a recycling coordinator** to advise key people (e.g., student council members), encourage community participation, and to provide feedback throughout the Challenge.
- ✓ **Set a recycling goal for your school.** For example, challenge each student to collect 5 containers per day.

The Schedule

Date

November

Activity

Registration

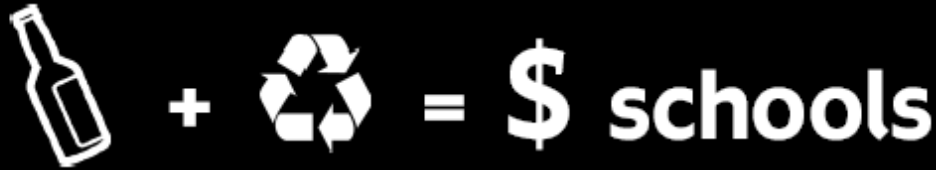
Fax Entry Form to (808) 586-7509

November 1, 2004 – December 31, 2004

Donation Period (Deadline extended!)
Take containers directly to participating recyclers

January 14, 2005

Prize winners notified



SCHOOL RECYCLING CHALLENGE '05

RULES & INFORMATION

Registration

Your school must submit an *Entry Form* to the Department of Health (DOH). We encourage you to start as soon as possible. ENTER TODAY! The DOH will communicate mainly with the School Recycling Coordinator designated on your *Entry Form*.

Contest Period

Official contest period runs from November 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. Participating recyclers will stop counting containers for the School Recycling Challenge by end of business on December 31, 2004.

Acceptable Donations

Eligible beverage containers must be:

- Separated by material type: Metal, Glass, and Plastic #1 & #2
- Drained of contents
- Whole--Do not crush!
- Container size = 64 oz. or less

Important: Donors must tell staff at the recycling center site that the containers are donated on behalf of your school.

Reporting

Participating recyclers will submit reports on donation numbers to DOH.

Awards Categories

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 Recycle Empty Beverage Containers
 Nov. 1, 2004 thru Dec. 31, 2004 (Deadline extended!)

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Print or Type

 School Name

 School Enrollment

 Address, City, State, Zip Code

 School Phone / Fax

 Coordinating Organization / Committee

 Contact's Email Address (required)

 Contact Person (Coordinator)

 Title of Contact Person

Check here if project coordinated with Principal

We agree to encourage students and community members to donate empty beverage containers at participating recyclers permitted by the Department of Health (DOH). The DOH will maintain a current list of participating recyclers on its website at www.hawaii.gov/health. The recyclers listed will collect aluminum, glass and plastic beverage containers. _____

Acknowledged _____
 Coordinator's Signature

 Date

Please mail (or fax) this form to:
 State of Hawaii
 Department of Health
 Office of Solid Waste Management
 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 212
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
 PH: (808) 586-4245 FAX: (808) 586-7509

PLEASE RETURN ASAP - DO IT TODAY!