

## Count vs. Weigh

**It's faster to weigh. It's more exact to count.**

Operators are required to count loads up to 200 containers upon customer request.

Operators are not required to count loads larger than 200. If your load is larger than 200, the operator may choose to weigh it.

Refunds given based on weight are calculated using a "segregated rate." This is an average number of containers per pound by material type: plastic, glass or metal. Small plastic containers (17 ounces or less) can be separated and weighed at a higher conversion rate. Because the rates are based on an average, refunds may be more or less than 5¢ per container. The Department of Health conducts regular testing to check the accuracy of the rates.

Reverse vending machines are available at many sites for refunds based on count.

## Non-deposit Containers

Non-deposit beverage containers and other recyclables can be dropped into local school or community recycling drop-off bins.

Some recyclers will pay for the material value on non-deposit containers. Call the recycler for more information.

For more information contact your local recycling office:

City & County of Honolulu:  
808- **768-3200** or visit [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org)

County of Hawai'i: 808-961-8549

County of Kaua'i: 808-241-6891

County of Maui: 808-270-7874

## Contact Us

For more information about the HI 5¢ Deposit Beverage Container program call:

The State of Hawai'i  
Department of Health  
(808) 586-4226  
[www.hi5deposit.com](http://www.hi5deposit.com)



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Why throw away your recyclables when the HI-5 program has more than 80 redemption centers statewide? Just look for the HI 5¢ label on your glass, plastic and metal containers, then take them to any redemption center or a reverse vending machine to get cash back and help protect the environment at the same time.

Visit [www.hi5deposit.com](http://www.hi5deposit.com)  
or call 808-586-4226  
to find a redemption center near you.

## Look for the HI 5¢ label before you recycle.



### BEVERAGE CONTAINER CHARGES

#### 1¢ Container Fee:

This is a non-refundable fee that helps pay for the program.

#### 5¢ Deposit:

Deposits are refunded when containers are redeemed.

### DEPOSIT LABELS

Look for the following information on the side or top of the beverage container.

HI 5¢  
Hawaii 5¢  
CT, DE, HI, IA, ME, NY, OR, MA, 5¢

### CONTAINERS ELIGIBLE FOR REDEMPTION:

Glass  
Aluminum  
Bi-metals (beverage cans with seams along side)  
Plastics

### CONTAINERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REDEMPTION:

Milk  
Wine  
Spirits  
Containers over 68 fluid ounces  
Any container without the HI 5¢ label

### WHAT IF THE CONTAINER I BOUGHT IS MISLABELED?

Only labeled containers can be redeemed for cash. Containers must have the HI 5¢ label visible upon redemption. If you were incorrectly charged a deposit for a non-deposit container, take your receipt and the container back to the store where the purchase was made for a refund and call the Department of Health at (808) 586-4226.

### STEPS FOR CONTAINER REDEMPTION

- 1 **Make sure containers contain the HI 5¢ label.**
- 2 **Sort by material type** (aluminum, bi-metal, glass, plastic). Redemption centers may want glass separated by color, so separate clear, green, and brown to make things easier. If you have a lot of small plastic containers (<17 oz) and plan to weigh them, you may want to separate them from your other plastics in order to get a higher conversion rate.
- 3 **Empty containers** of liquid or other material. Containers don't need to be rinsed, but must be empty.
- 4 **Take your cap off.** Plastic bottle caps aren't made from the same stuff as the bottles, so remove them before recycling.
- 5 **Go ahead and crush 'em!** All redemption centers now accept crushed cans and plastic bottles. But the reverse vending machines don't.
- 6 **Take your containers to a redemption site** to be counted or weighed for your refund. DOH requires all redemption centers to verify customer counts by either counting individual containers or weighing each load by material type.