



Where Can I Recycle Bottles and Cans for Cash Redemption?

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why are all the recycling centers closing?

Recently, a large recycling network company called RePlanet closed, impacting many recycling center options for residents in Orange County. Many large-scale recycling facilities across the county have been impacted by global factors (i.e. [National Sword](#)) tied to [contamination issues](#) and exportation of recyclable products overseas (mostly cans, paper). Several centers were conveniently located at local grocery stores, so unfortunately this means residents may temporarily need to find a new location further away to recycle for redemption value. To learn more about these closures, please visit CalRecycle's website [here](#).

2. Where can I take my bottles and cans for redemption value now?

There are two ways of getting California Refund Value for beverage containers. More than [1,200 certified recycling centers statewide](#) are still in operation, including 65 in Orange County alone. There are also [obligated beverage retailers](#) who may redeem your empty CRV containers in-store in areas where there are no recycling centers.

3. What if it's not convenient for me or I can't drive further away to recycle?

Check with your local city recycling coordinator to see if your city is offering any type of mobile redemption or other program. You can also contact your City's waste hauler to see if they are aware of available redemption programs or pick up/drop off services. For contact information of these resources, visit [o-landfills.com](#), [Earth911](#) and [ocrecycleguide.com](#) are other great resources for information.

4. What is being done to help the situation of reduced recycling centers?

The Beverage Container Recycling Program is a state program run by California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Governor Newsom recently signed an urgent measure ([AB 54](#)) to provide access to more recycling options due to these large-scale closures. Cities, non-profits and businesses can apply for pilot program grants to increase recycling in local communities. More recently, CalRecycle approved [two new pilot projects](#) as it explores new models to boost consumer access to cash redemption of bottles and cans and to provide some much-needed resources for areas hardest hit by recent closures.

5. Who can I contact to find out more information or to answer further questions about the CRV redemption program?

For more information or to contact CalRecycle, visit [here](#).

6. Where can I find information about general recycling of other items in my area?

The new [ocrecycleguide.com](#) website offers residents a good starting point for recycling and disposal questions.

