



Return-It: Easier Recycling, Stronger Partnerships

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Who We Are



Not-for-profit, product stewardship agency in BC for over 30 years.



Directly – 70 employees
Indirectly – 700+ employees



Established by producers to manage EPR regulatory obligations in BC; the deposit and recycling system for most ready-to-drink beverage containers.



Manage EPR programs on behalf of Electronics and Major Appliances

Over 25 billion containers recycled



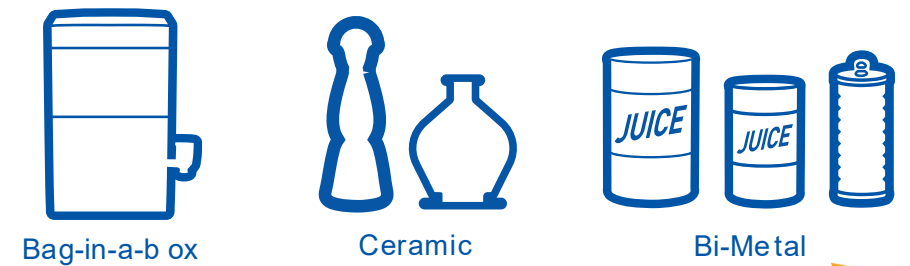
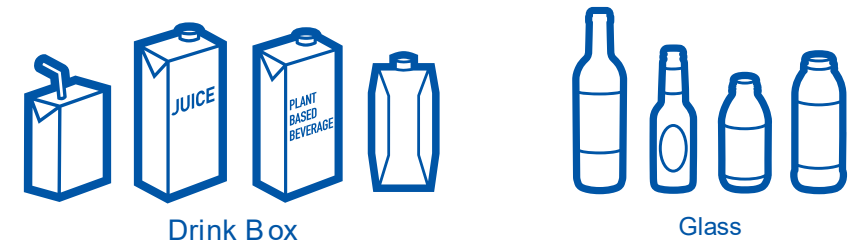
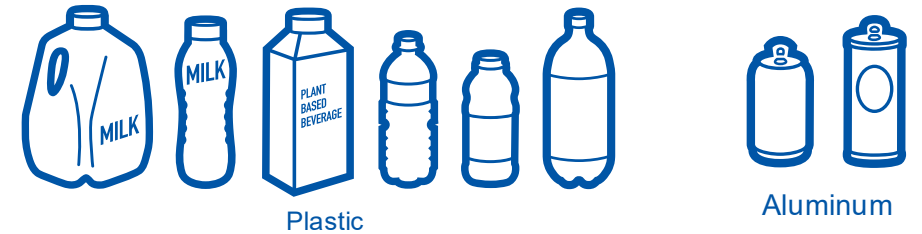
Materials in the program

All ready-to-drink beverages

- **Beverage types:** water, pop, juice, milk, plant-based, energy drinks, wine, spirits, dealcoholized beer & spirits
- **Materials:** PET / HDPE plastic, aluminum, glass, paper, cardboard, bi-metal, laminates, ceramics



All beverage containers collected within the Return-It system are recycled in accordance with the Recycling Regulation





Easy and Convenient



Modern customer recycling experience:
No sorting, no line-ups,
e-transfer refunds

 **+350,000**

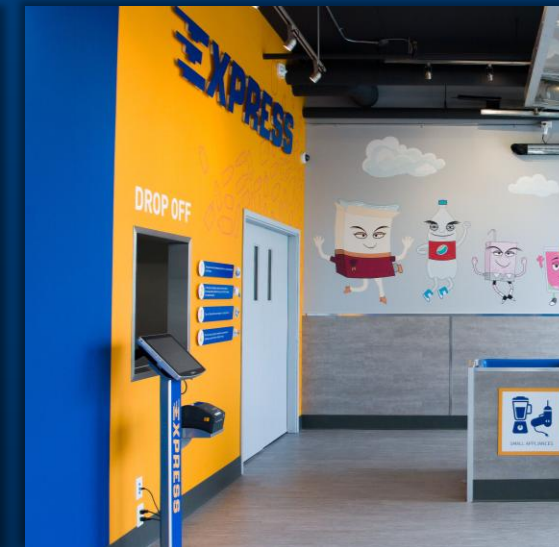
Over 350,000 registered customers and growing

15%

Represents 15% of all collections



Increases the number of containers returned by customers





- Standalone converted shipping container
- Ideal for dense urban areas or rural communities
 - Transfer stations (recycle multiple items)
 - Retail store parking lots (running errands)
- Unstaffed with longer operating hours
- All servicing handled by Return-It: cleaning, maintenance and pick-up



21
locations
across BC



19.2 million
containers collected in 2024
(1.4% of total volume)



Security Features



Door access:

Only accessible during operating hours
Log in with two-factor authentication
One-time PIN code



Cameras:

Internal and external cameras



24/7

Monitoring:

Site monitored 24/7 by security company

Safety Features



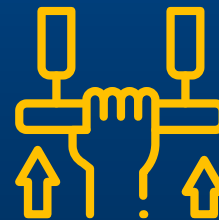
Earthquake Protection

Station secured to ground with steel anchors



Fire Suppression

Built-in fire hose connection and an internal compressed dry nitrogen-based fire suppression system



Easy Escape

Quick-release handle inside the door if someone is shut inside the station



Internal Lighting

Sensor activated lights works in conjunction with camera monitoring system

Installation Requirements



Location

Easily accessible to the public with one or two parking spots available for customer use



Power Supply



20 amps power hookup, can use existing electrician or can source



Internet Connection

Stations connect to the existing internet connection, if available, for the security system and camera, and can utilize a remote connection if unavailable

Drives Customers to Stores

	 Grocery 1	 Grocery 2
Average monthly volume (UBCs)	219,763	220,681
# Unique customers	5,301	5,361
# of bags dropped off	52	56
Weekly # of pick-ups (Encorp)	7	7
Number of bags picked up	1,055	1,007

Peak hours



7:00 to 9:00	9:00 to 12:00	12:00 to 17:00	17:00 to 21:00	21:00 to 22:00 am
5.23%	18.35%	41.35%	29.40%	6.00%



Piloting Technology Options

- Self-serve Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs)
- Can accept 2 or 3 container types only:
 - Aluminum
 - Plastic
 - Glass
- Does not accommodate containers over 2 litres in size
- Seeking a pilot partner



Piloting Custom Installation



Do you have a small unused space to pilot a custom Express drop-off in your store?



Open to collaborating on customized return solutions



Utilize recycling solution to help drive retail traffic



Help improve recovery rate and promote a circular economy in BC





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