

Opportunities for Schools to Raise Funds

- Collect containers from your community—friends, family, co-workers, etc.
- Bring your recyclables from home to a school container-drive.
- Set up special recycling bins next to trash cans at school (in cafeterias, teachers lounge, athletic areas, etc.).
- Contact recycling companies for special programs. For example, Rolloffs Hawaii offers bi-weekly pick-up for schools and Reynolds Recycling has facilitated 1-day fundraising drives.
- Check out the City’s school fundraising program at: www.opala.org/green_bins.
- Talk to the City Recycling Coordinator about getting one of the white community bins located at your school.
- Several non-profit foundations, such as Kōkua Hawai‘i Foundation and Charitable Ventures, also offer assistance to school and community based recycling programs.
- Partner with a business to offer collection services in exchange for the deposit.
- Set up a community pick up once a month.
- Set up Reverse Vending Machines or community bins on campus.

(See Resources on back page for more information)

Resources

Redemption centers continue to expand as the deposit program grows out of its infancy. They can be found in permanent locations, mobile centers, and even some stores. The goal is to have enough centers to serve the needs of consumers. Since the start of the program in January, 2005, the supply of centers has been updated to meet the rising demand.

How to find current redemption centers

www.hi5deposit.com/redcenters

or call the “HI 5” Hotline at 2-1-1

How to know what containers are accepted

www.hi5deposit.com/support/ConsumerInfo.pdf

How to partner with a recycling company or other organization to raise funds for my class

www.hi5deposit.com/consumers (see the Operators of Certified Redemption Centers link)

www.opala.org/green_bins

www.kokuahawaiiifoundation.org

www.charitableventureshawaii.com

Where to obtain recycled products

www.opala.org/recycling_at_home/recycled_products

www.clothesmadefromscrap.com

www.recyclestore.com

For the latest information and materials on the Deposit Program, fundraising ideas and more

www.soest.hawaii.edu/SEAGRANT

www.hi5deposit.com/schoolrecycling.html



Hawai‘i Beverage Container Deposit Program

An Educator’s Guide



What is the Deposit Program?

Every year over 800 million beverage containers are sold in Hawaii - that's over 650 per person in the state.

The Deposit Program provides an incentive for people to recycle these containers. Here's how it works:

- When you buy a beverage container marked with the HI 5¢ deposit label, you pay a 5¢ deposit and a 1¢ container fee.
- The 1¢ container fee is non-refundable and pays redemption centers to process and recycle the containers.
- The 5¢ deposit is refunded to customers when they take their empty containers to a redemption center to be recycled.
- Unredeemed deposits and container fees help with recycler's shipping costs and to pay for other program costs (such as redemption site development and recycling education).
- What can be recycled – glass, aluminum, plastic (#1 and #2) containers, size 64 ounces or less, marked with the HI 5¢ deposit label. Milk, wine, and spirits are excluded from the program regardless of container type.

Benefits of Participating

- You can raise unrestricted, unlimited funds for your school or organization to pay for needed projects.
- Your participation helps to expand our recycling industry and create more jobs.
- Recycling helps reduce trash and extends the life of our landfills.
- Recycling saves resources, energy, and money. Recycled aluminum saves 95% energy vs. virgin aluminum; recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for 3 hours.
- Less litter means cleaner beaches and parks, free from broken glass and sharp aluminum.
- Less trash means taxpayers and government agencies save money on garbage disposal.
- Recycled products are made with already refined materials, which means less toxic chemical processing than when using virgin materials. This helps reduce air and water pollution and protects natural habitats.
- Educate your peers. By recycling, you set an example for your family, friends, and neighbors.

You can recycle non-deposit beverage containers too! You can also donate them at the white recycling bins located at various schools and shopping centers. Part of the proceeds go to the schools.

How Students Can Participate

Here are some simple steps to prepare your containers for the recycler. This will make redeeming them quicker and easier.

- Sort deposit containers from non-deposit containers. Deposit containers are labeled on the side or top with markings such as:

HI 5¢ or Hawaii 5¢ or
"CT, HI, IA, ME 5¢"

- Sort by material type (aluminum, bimetal, glass, plastic) .
- Remove container caps.
- Empty containers of liquid or other foreign material. Rinsing containers is optional.
- If you bring in a large number of containers (over 50) the recycler may choose to weigh the containers. You will be paid by "segregated weight"-- based on the average number of containers per pound.

There may also be special sites and times that recyclers will only accept very large loads (over 500 containers).



Reduce

Reuse

Recycle



It's good for you. It's good for the 'āina.