

Help make it
work for you!

- Bring your
containers
back often
- Make sure
they're clean
and empty
and
- Labeled with
a NY refund
label.

**Don't
trash 'em,
... cash 'em!**

small deposit . . .

Big Return

The Law has
helped

- reduce trash
- save landfill space
- keep parks and
roadsides clean
- conserve energy
- recycle glass, plastic and
aluminum

A small deposit pays big
dividends in conservation of
energy and valuable resources.

*Individuals, businesses and
groups are encouraged to
duplicate and distribute this
flier.*

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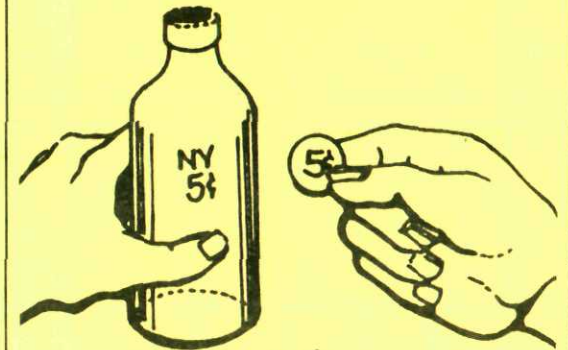


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Department of Environmental Conservation

Get Your Money Back



with
New York
State's
Returnable
Container Law

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Department of Environmental Conservation
MARIO M. CUOMO, Governor
THOMAS C. JORLING, Commissioner

It's easy . . . here's how it works!

What is the law?

New York's Returnable Container Law requires that carbonated soft drinks, beer and malt beverages, mineral and soda water containers have at least 5¢ deposit

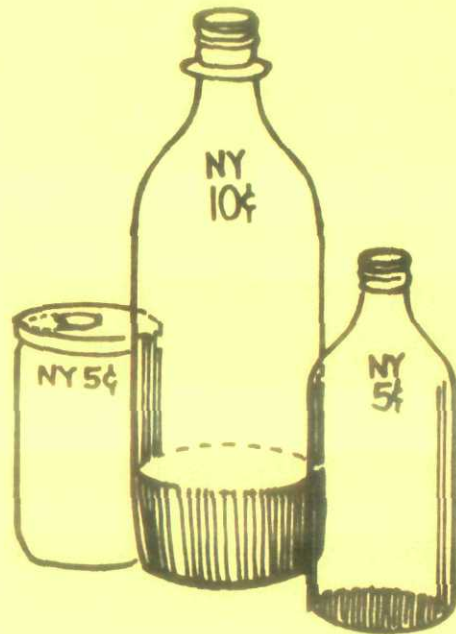
Although commonly called the *Bottle Bill*, the law involves more than just bottles. A deposit is required for glass, metal and plastic containers up to one gallon. Both refillable and nonrefillable containers carry a deposit to encourage reuse and recycling of such containers.

How effective is the law?

Since the law went into effect, redemption rates have been 75-80 percent and litter reduced by 75 percent.

How does it work?

The consumer pays a deposit when purchasing beverages and gets a deposit back when returning containers. Containers must have a New York refund label to be redeemed.



What about returns?

A consumer can return empty containers to any store or vendor that sells the same *type of container*. Under the Returnable Container Law, *type of container* means brand, size, shape, color and composition of the container. For example, if a store carries only the 16 oz. container of Brand X, it does not have to redeem other sizes of that brand or containers from other brands that it doesn't carry.

When can a store reject returns?

A store may refuse to return a deposit if:

- The store does not carry that type of container.
- The container does not have a proper New York refund label.
- The container is not in reasonably good condition. A store may reject broken bottles or cans that are corroded or crushed.
- The container has anything in it besides small amounts of dirt, dust or moisture.

Can a store limit returns?

A store may limit the number of returns to 240 containers per person per day. If someone wishes to return more than 240 containers in a day, arrangements should be made at least 48 hours in advance. Stores that are not open 24 hours a day do not have to accept containers during the first and last half hour of their business day.