

**To:** Hotel Beer Vendors  
**From:** Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries  
**Date:** June 18, 2026  
**RE:** Reminders: Container Deposits Expanded to RTD

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## Reminders – RTD Container Deposits

On April 28, 2026, MBLL issued a Bulletin announcing the details associated with the addition of Ready-to-Drink (RTD) products to the container deposit program effective July 1, 2026. Please refer to that Bulletin for full details regarding this change: [Container Deposits Expanded to RTD](#)

In advance of July 1, MBLL wishes to highlight the following information for you:

- MBLL will print and mail posters to all commercial retail partners for placement in your respective stores. These posters will inform customers of the container types that are eligible for a deposit and will provide examples of containers that cannot be accepted.
  - For example, containers deemed “unidentifiable”, especially 2L PET bottles that have no label, shall not be accepted for refund. This is to avoid empty soda bottles being returned with no label on them.
- Provincial Regulation requires Hotel Beer Vendors to collect empty beer & RTD containers, however, distributors such as BDL and WETT Sales will work with you to establish the sorting criteria associated with those containers. Please contact BDL, WETT Sales and other applicable distributors if you have questions related to sorting.
- To support the management of empty RTD containers, MBLL will provide a list of RTD products by Distributor name (BDL, WETT Sales, Fort Garry etc.); that information is attached to this Bulletin.
- If you experience space constraints due to the increased volume of empty containers, please reach out to the distributor to request an additional pick up; contact information has been provided on page 2. You may also reach out to your MBLL account manager with questions.
- In addition to this Bulletin, you can anticipate receiving additional information from BDL and WETT Sales prior to July 1.
- Please remember to update your POS (Point of Sale Systems) by July 1, 2026.

MBLL will continue to compensate Retail Beer Vendors for collecting and managing empty containers. Effective July 1, 2026, retailers will be compensated at a rate of \$0.495 / dozen for glass and aluminum and \$0.16/dozen for PET containers; these values are revisited annually.

Distributors contact information, as seen in your Commercial Customer Manual, has been provided below for your reference.

<b>Brewers Distributors Ltd. (BDL)</b>	(204) 958-7930  Toll Free: 1-800-661-2337	<b>WINNIPEG:</b> Will pick up all empty containers for product that they distribute, including all Industry Standard Bottles (ISB) for product distributed by other private distribution companies within the province.  <b>RURAL MANITOBA:</b> BDL’s rural partner carriers will pick up all empty containers for product distributed by BDL, including all ISB for product distributed by other private distribution companies within the province.
<b>Fort Garry Brewing Co. Ltd.</b>	(204) 487-3678	<b>WINNIPEG:</b> Will pick up all empty Fort Garry/Two Rivers kegs and PET bottles.  <b>RURAL MANITOBA:</b> Gardewine will pick up all empty Fort Garry/Two Rivers kegs and PET bottles.
<b>WETT Sales &amp; Distribution Inc.</b>	(204) 885-9388	<b>WINNIPEG &amp; RURAL MANITOBA:</b> Will pick up empty bottles (non-ISB), cans and kegs for all products they distribute, as well as empty bottles and cans for products sold through Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Distribution Centre.  Will collect stainless steel cider kegs sold through MBLL

Please feel free to reach out to MBLL, through the Channel Partners contact centre at [Channel.Partners@MBLL.ca](mailto:Channel.Partners@MBLL.ca) or by contacting your MBLL Commercial Account Manager. Questions related to sorting and pick ups can be directed to the applicable Distributor.

Thank you.