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Dear Valued Customer:

Brewers Distributor Limited (BDL) is committed to making the upcoming container deposit expansion as smooth and simple as possible for our customers. Further to Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries' (MLL) communication dated April 28, 2026, the container deposit program will expand on July 1st, 2026, to include most Ready-to-Drink (RTD) products such as coolers, ciders, seltzers, hard teas, and pre-mixed cocktails. As part of this change, BDL will continue to support the collection and processing of containers while outlining a few important return requirements to help ensure efficient service and accurate crediting.

Effective July 1, 2026:

- Deposits will apply to eligible Beer and RTD containers
- Customers will receive a full refund of the deposit upon return of eligible containers
- Retailers are required to accept returns regardless of original place of purchase, provided containers are eligible

Eligible Containers & Deposit Values

- Aluminum cans (>200 ml to <2 L): \$0.10
- Plastic (PET) bottles (>200 ml to <2 L): \$0.10
- Large formats (≥2 L): \$0.20
- Beer glass bottles (all sizes): \$0.10
- Kegs (all sizes): \$40.00

Not eligible for deposit refund:

≤200 ml containers, RTD glass, bag-in-box, tetra packs, wine, spirits, and non-alcoholic products.

BDL Plastic Bottle Return Guidelines

To help us provide you with fast, accurate service and ensure smooth pickup and crediting, BDL is implementing the following PET (plastic) bottle return standards:

Bagging & Sorting Requirements for BDL Pick-Up:

Please return plastic bottles using **one of the following approved methods only:**

- **Option 1:**
 - 40 × 2L PET containers per "Can" bag
- **Option 2:**
 - 40 × 1L PET containers per bag
 - (Includes any PET containers under 2L from **BDL** or **Fort Garry Brewing**)

Important:

- Do not mix 1L and 2L containers in the same bag.





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Sorting Requirements

To ensure smooth processing, please follow these guidelines:

- **PET Bottle Returns:**
 - Must contain **only eligible (identifiable) beer or RTD PET bottles**
 - Only **one size of PET container per bag**
- **Aluminum Containers:**
 - Aluminum beer cans and RTD containers **may be mixed** in:
 - Mega bins, or Can bags
- **General Requirements:**
 - All containers must be **clearly identifiable as deposit containers**
 - Returns must be **properly sorted before drop-off (at the customer level)**
 - **Do not mix** deposit containers with Non-deposit containers or any other materials

Important to Know

- Incomplete (partial) bags cannot be credited
- Mixed or contaminated bags may be rejected
- Non-deposit containers should be directed to regular recycling programs

These requirements help us reduce delays, improve accuracy, and ensure you receive your credits as quickly as possible. BDL is committed to making this transition as seamless as possible by supporting efficient container collection and processing, helping reduce customer confusion around eligible returns, and ensuring a consistent, reliable refund experience.

Your cooperation with proper sorting and bagging plays an important role in keeping the process running smoothly for everyone.

If you have any questions about these changes or return requirements, please reach out to your BDL Customer Experience Centre.

Thank you,

Customer Experience Centre Team
Brewers Distributor Ltd.