

CALIFORNIA RECYCLING PROGRAM RATES
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Table 1: RECYCLING CENTERS (RC)

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound
Aluminum	31.1	\$1.66
Glass	1.79	\$0.101
#1 PET (Polyethylene Terephthalate)	26.7	\$1.46
#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene)	9.3	\$0.67
#3 PVC (Polyvinyl Chloride)	9.7	\$0.48
#4 LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene)	39.7	\$1.98
#5 PP (Polypropylene)	11.2	\$0.56
#6 PS (Polystyrene)	109.0	\$5.45
#7 Other Plastic	3.1	\$0.31
Bi-metal	8.6	\$0.43
Multi-Layer Pouch	17.4	\$4.35
Bag-in-Box	1.5	\$0.38
Paperboard Carton	17.1	\$4.26

California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 2500(e) (2), requires Recycling Centers to post refund prices by weight, by container, and by material type

Table 2: REVERSE VENDING MACHINES (RVM)*

Material Type	Containers Per Segregated Pound	Refund Value Per Commingled Pound	Refund Value Per Segregated Pound	CRV %
Aluminum	32.7	\$1.69	\$1.69	100.00%
Glass	1.49	\$0.091	\$0.092	98.91%
PET Plastic	30.1	\$1.60	\$1.61	99.37%
HDPE Plastic	19.3	\$0.96	\$0.97	98.97%