



CRV Redemption Guide

Most local recycling centers offer three options for redeeming your bottles and cans, each with their own pros and cons. While the maximum refund value can be captured by using the reverse vending machines, weight-based and per-unit redemption (options 2 and 3 below) can significantly reduce your time spent at the recycling center.

Option 1: Reverse vending machines (Visit replanet.com to watch a video demonstration)

- Pros:**
- + Automated hand-fed machines give the maximum return for your CRV containers (5-cents for containers under 24-oz and 10-cents for containers 24-oz and over)
 - + Longer hours of operation (unless full, broken or otherwise out of commission)
 - + No limit on the number of containers that can be redeemed at the per-unit rate
 - + No need to pre-sort your bottles and cans (the machine does it for you).
- Cons:**
- Time spent feeding containers one at a time into the machine
 - Unpredictable availability due to capacity limits and/or equipment malfunctions
 - Potentially long lines when they are working
 - Not available at the Ralph's redemption center on Thousand Oaks Blvd.

Option 2: Weight-based redemption

- Pros:**
- + Faster than the reverse vending machines
 - + No limit to the quantity that can be redeemed at any one time
- Cons:**
- Smaller refund – the weight-based rates are lower than the per-unit rates. You get less \$ for the same quantity of cans if you redeem them by weight, but it's much faster and is particularly good for bigger amounts of cans and bottles.
 - You must pre-sort containers by type (plastic and metal) before they can be redeemed.
 - Reduced hours of operation – requires operator to be present (see reverse for hours).

Option 3: Per-unit redemption (up to 50)

California law allows you the option of being paid based on count instead of weight for up to 50 empty beverage containers of each material type. This means you can bring up to 50 aluminum, 50 glass and 50 plastic, and 50 bi-metal CRV containers in a single visit and request to be paid by count. Just be sure that you inform the site attendant of your load content and how you would like to receive payment before you hand over your load. Any more than 50 containers may be refunded by weight by the recycling center.

- Pros:**
- + You get the higher, per-unit redemption rate for up to 50 of each type of container.
 - + Faster than the reverse vending machines – the attendant at the center will count them for you, and they're really fast!
- Cons:**
- After the first 50 containers, the remaining bottles or cans may be redeemed at the lower (by weight) redemption rate. This tends to depend on how busy the center is and your willingness to wait.
 - Containers must be pre-sorted by material type and counted (up to 50 containers of each material type) before they can be redeemed.
 - Reduced hours of operation – requires operator to be present

Refund Payments: You will be given a voucher that can be taken to the neighboring grocery store and redeemed for cash. Alternatively, you can get an **extra 10%** added to your RePlanet vouchers by mailing them in to RePlanet, directly. (See reverse for details.)

CRV Redemption Tips

The following tips can help you save time at the recycling center and get the most out of the bottles and cans that you've collected.

- Empty all liquids and any dirt from containers. Full or contaminated containers will be rejected at the recycling center, or may be subject to reimbursement deductions.
- If you plan to use the reverse vending machines, do not crush or flatten your bottles and cans.
- Bottle caps are okay. If you leave the cap on, just make sure the container is empty..
- If you plan to redeem your containers by weight, pre-sort them by material type before you take them to the recycling center.
- If you plan to ask for per-unit redemption, have your containers pre-sorted and counted by each material type. Separate the first 50 of each type of container so they can quickly be verified at the recycling center and have the remaining containers organized by material type for bulk processing.

Note: Although redemption centers are only obligated to pay per-unit rates for the first 50 containers of each material type, whether or not the remaining containers get the per-unit or bulk (weight-based) redemption rate is up to the recycling center.

- **Get an extra 10% on your redemption.** RePlanet has a fundraising program that will add an extra 10% to your refund when you set up a fundraising account and mail in your recycling vouchers instead of redeeming them at the designated grocery store. Plus, the 30-day redemption rule does not apply to receipts that are mailed in. This is a convenient way to maximize your fundraising potential. For details call rePlanet at 1-877-737-5263.

Thousand Oaks CRV Recycling Centers

(Hours listed are as of September 2012)

Albertsons Center

541 S. Reino Road
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Hours:

Reverse vending: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Staffed: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ralphs Center

583 N. Ventu Park Road
Newbury Park, CA 91320

Hours:

Reverse vending: 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Staffed: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Home Goods Center

1332 N. Moorpark Road
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Hours:

Reverse vending: 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Staffed: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Ralphs Center (located behind Ralphs)

3963 E. Thousand Oaks Boulevard
Thousand Oaks, CA 91362

Hours:

Staffed: 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Reverse vending not available

Please note:

Recycling centers listed above are operated by rePLANET USA. For more information visit replanet.com, or to speak with a rePlanet customer representative call 1-877-737-5263.



For more information about the California Redemption Value (CRV) program,
visit www.calrecycle.ca.gov/BevContainer