

## **BEVERAGE CONTAINER REDEMPTION CENTERS** 2018 – 2019

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## Introduction

This report, along with a two-page executive summary, is submitted to the Legislative Assembly pursuant to Section 4, chapter 106 of Oregon Laws 2013.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature passed SB 117 with an effective date of May 13, 2013 (Sec. 4, ch. 106, Or Laws 2013), requiring that every two years, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall submit a report regarding beverage container redemption centers not later than March 1 of each odd-numbered year. In 2019, the section was amended to add a reporting requirement on dealer redemption centers.

## Background

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is responsible for administering Oregon's Bottle Bill. OLCC ensures that manufacturers, distributors, and retailers comply with the requirements of the Bottle Bill and approves establishment of full-service redemption centers. A full-service redemption center is a facility where consumers may return containers subject to the Bottle Bill. OLCC approves full-service redemption centers if the agency determines that the redemption center will offer a convenient service to the public.

There can be up to two "convenience zones" surrounding a redemption center. Retailers that are 5,000 or more square feet in size may participate in a redemption center depending on their proximity to the redemption center. Participating retailers located in the first convenience zone may refuse to accept any beverage containers for redemption and participating retailers located in the second convenience zone may limit the number of containers they accept to 24 per person per day.

Retailers that are 5,000 square feet or larger that choose not to participate in a redemption center are required to provide services equivalent to those provided by the redemption center. These non-participating retailers may show they are exempt from providing equivalent services by submitting to OLCC proof that they sold fewer than 100,000 beverage containers in the prior calendar year.

Retailers under 5,000 square feet within a redemption center zone cannot participate in a redemption center but may limit returns to 24 per person per day.

**Sec. 4. Report.** No later than March 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission shall submit a report to the Legislative Assembly regarding full-service redemption centers approved pursuant to the provisions of ORS 459A.737 and dealer redemption centers established pursuant to section 3 of this 2019 Act [459A.741]. The report must include, for the two previous calendar years:

(1) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value as a percentage of the total number of beverage containers sold in this state.

(2) The number of redemption centers operating in this state and the number of full-service redemption centers for which applications are pending with the commission.

(3) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value in areas designated by the commission and the number of beverage containers returned for refund value in each area in the year before the beverage container redemption center began operation.

(4) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value to redemption centers in this state and the number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value to dealers in this state. [2013 c.106 §4; 2019 c.279 §4; 2019 c.366 §10]

Sec. 5. Section 4 of this 2013 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022. [2013 c.106 §5]

## Findings

The Findings below reflect data from calendar years 2018 and 2019.<sup>1</sup>

(1) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value as a percentage of the total number of beverage containers sold in this state.

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85.78%
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Source: OLCC

(2) The number of redemption centers operating in this state and the number of full-service redemption centers for which applications are pending with the commission.

Total Redemption Centers				
	2018	2019		
Number of Redemption Centers as of January 1	24	25		
Number of Redemption Center Applications Received	2	0		
Number of Redemption Centers operating as of December 31	25	25		

Source: OLCC

As of December 31, 2019, 25 full-service redemption centers operating in this state and one additional redemption center approved but not yet operating:

- 1. 23345 NE Halsey Street, Wood Village
- 2. 14214 Fir Street, Ste A & B, Oregon City
- 3. 4815 Commercial Street SE, Salem

<u>Approved</u> April 20, 2010 June 22, 2010 December 13, 2011

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Calendar years 2018 and 2019 are the most recent years for which the Commission has data. The statutory deadline for OLCC to receive beverage container return data for 2020 is July 1, 2021.

<ul> <li>4. 12403 NE Glisan Street, Portland</li> <li>5. 1917 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem</li> <li>6. 1313 E Powell Boulevard, Gresham</li> <li>7. 755 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bend</li> <li>8. 1204 SW Lake Road, Redmond</li> <li>9. 2105 W Broadway, Eugene</li> <li>10. 1179 Stowe Ave, Medford</li> <li>11. 1176 N Hayden Meadows Dr, Portland</li> <li>12. 2702 Eberlein Avenue, Klamath Falls</li> <li>13. 2141 Santiam Highway SE, Albany</li> <li>14. 1880 Commercial Street NE, Salem</li> <li>15. 14411 SW Pacific Highway, Tigard</li> <li>16. 1040 Rogue River Highway, Grants Pass</li> <li>17. 740 W Hermiston Ave, Hermiston</li> <li>18. 2933 Pacific Ave, Forest Grove</li> <li>19. 6106 SE King Rd, Milwaukie</li> <li>20. 9307 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Beaverton</li> <li>21. 740 NE Garden Valley Blvd, Roseburg</li> <li>22. 1111-B NW 9<sup>th</sup> St, Corvallis</li> <li>23. 1383 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Ontario</li> </ul>	April 26, 2013 June 28, 2013 August 23, 2013 September 12, 2013 June 13, 2014 June 16, 2014 September 3, 2014 March 6, 2015 June 18, 2015 July 15, 2015 October 5, 2015 October 7, 2015 January 19, 2016 June 30, 2016 October 4, 2016 December 9, 2016 March 8, 2017 June 15, 2017 July 31, 2017
24. 2289 Olympic St, Springfield 25. 158 E Olive St, Newport	November 6, 2017 February 5, 2018
26. 4616 SE 82 <sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland	May 30, 2018 (not yet operating)

As of December 31, 2019, there were no dealer redemption centers operating.

(3) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value in areas designated by the commission and the number of beverage containers returned for refund value in each area in the year before the beverage container redemption center began operation.

Total Containers Returned at Redemption Centers + Retailers within Total Radius Distances of Convenience Zones					
<b>Redemption Center Area</b>	2018	2019			
Wood Village (4.85 miles) <sup>2</sup>	37,537,499	40,717,034			
Oregon City (5.5 miles) <sup>3</sup>	40,334,212	44,048,010			
South Salem (4.5 miles)	42,564,154	41,758,861			
Glisan (4.4 miles) <sup>4</sup>	80,878,773	82,063,899			
Lancaster (5.0 miles)	62,298,861	62,372,877			
Gresham (5.0 miles)	50,929,558	55,694,801			
Bend (5.25 miles)	41,449,285	45,102,478			
Eugene (5.25 miles)	65,194,129	70,725,134			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wood Village originally had a 1.5 mile radius. OLCC approved an expansion on October 5, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Oregon City originally had a 1.5 mile radius. OLCC approved an expansion on September 28, 2017.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Glisan original had a 1.75 mile radius. OLCC approved an expansion on December 4, 2015.

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25,725,907	28,649,643
63,209,619	68,094,398
63,994,451	63,681,777
31,233,833	32,610,550
42,387,147	43,775,679
43,696,379	47,409,848
47,130,438	51,568,195
32,727,502	36,003,176
31,406,866	33,573,135
50,088,891	53,491,459
30,965,196	37,440,189
48,099,295	54,016,798
25,641,729	32,442,832
33,225,705	37,159,094
38,731,658	49,112,269
20,333,226	24,855,688
8,125,747	12,592,086
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Source: Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative

Total Containers Returned to Retailers in Radius For Year Prior to Redemption Center Opening					
Redemption Center Area Opening Date	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Wood Village 9/2010	12,253,319				
Oregon City 1/2011		12,128,372			
South Salem 3/2012			18,525,061		
Glisan 8/2013				23,945,209	
Lancaster 10/2013				35,246,951	
Gresham 11/2013				20,059,188	
Bend 12/2013				21,274,399	
Eugene 7/2014					28,548,678

Redmond 8/2014			12,621,167
Medford 12/2014			31,973,619
Delta Park 12/2014			32,071,642

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2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
40,000,400				
16,238,123				
17,517,129				
14,748,282				
19,603,536				
	15,220,252			
	10,478,074			
	17,724,722			
	10,448,962			
		17,697,790		
		10,476,214		
		17,681,897		
			25,543,593	
			16,141,393	
			6,241,575	
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Source: Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative

(4) The number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value to redemption centers in this state and the number of beverage containers that are returned for refund value to dealers in this state.

Total Containers Returned Statewide Per Year					
	2018	2019			
Volume Returned to Redemption Centers	979,332,527	1,093,276,232			
Volume Returned to Dealers	734,390,460	755,974,836			
TOTAL	1,713,722,987	1,849,254,068			

Source: OLCC