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When you purchase certain beverage containers, you pay a California Redemption Value (CRV) fee. This fee applies to eligible beverage containers packaged in aluminum, glass, plastic, and bimetal. As of this year, the CRV fee also applies to boxes and pouches containing wine, distilled spirits, wine coolers, or distilled spirit coolers. You can receive a refund of these fees by taking your eligible beverage containers to a recycling center. The CRV refunds are 5 cents for containers less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for containers 24 ounces or more. For those distilled spirits and wine boxes and pouches, the CRV refund is 25 cents. In 2021, 27.4 billion beverage containers were sold in California. Of those containers sold, 18.6 billion were returned for the CRV refund, a 68% return rate. That means that 8.8 billion beverage containers were not redeemed for refunds, an amount that totals in the hundreds of millions of dollars. If you do not participate in the CRV redemption program, be sure your beverage containers go into your recycling cart with other recyclable materials. To find a CRV recycling center near you and to learn what can be recycled in Tehama County, visit our website [tehamacountylandfill.com](http://tehamacountylandfill.com) or call us at (530) 528-1103.