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VERMONT

Vermont is the smallest of the states considered in the current research. Its existing bottle bill already sees high redemption rates at 76%, although this number is outdated and may be an overestimate. Still, the system does not include bottled water and has a low deposit fee of only \$0.05 for most included containers. More than 200 million beverage containers are wasted in the state every year. Concerns of fraud exist, but a lack of supporting data makes it tough to determine the scope.

A bill has been proposed that would expand coverage of the system to include non-carbonated beverages, but advocates indicate a veto-proof majority will be needed to override a likely veto from the governor should the bill pass.

Beverage Containers included in DRS: Current vs Modernized

ACTUAL DRS

Carbonated Soft Drinks
Beer & Hard Cider

48

Non-Sparkling Water (≤1 gal) Energy Drinks Fruit & Vegetables Beverages Ready-to-drink Tea & Coffee Wellness & Functional Drinks
Wine
Spirits (Liquor)
Milk and Dairy Alternatives



Sparkling Water

Sport Drinks

Carbonated Soft Drinks
Beer & Hard Cider
Sparkling Water
Non-Sparkling Water (≤1 gal)
Energy Drinks
Sports Drinks

Fruit & Vegetables Beverages
Ready-to-drink Tea & Coffee
Wellness & Functional Drinks
Wine
Spirits (Liquor)

95

Milk & Diary Alternatives

+47%