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Overview of the San Francisco BottleBank™ Mobile CRV Pilot

When consumers in California purchase beverages in a bottle, glass, or can, depending on the size of the container, they are paying a five to ten cents California Redemption Value (CRV) deposit. The San Francisco BottleBank™ mobile CRV pilot program provides an easy way to get deposits back using CRV redemption blue bags with QR codes tied to individual participants' BottleBank™ account.

The program is designed to increase recycling rates of plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and glass bottle beverage containers that have a CRV label and then return those deposits directly back to participants. Anyone can participate in the program by signing up for a BottleBank™ account.

There are several ways participants can sign-up for an account:

1. Download the BottleBank™ app on a smartphone through Apple and Android stores.
2. Fill out an electronic form on the sfbottlebank.org website.
3. Use a kiosk at a mobile recycling drop-off site and get an access card (ideal for participants that do not have cell phones or computers).

How the Pilot works

Participants fill their 20-gallon CRV redemption bluebags with **uncrushed** CRV bottles and cans and drop them off at a mobile collection site, operated and staffed by the San Francisco Conservation Corps. The bags hold a mix of 70 bottles and cans, with a weight limit of 25-30 pounds.

The bags' QR codes are scanned to link to the participant's BottleBank™ account. The containers in each bag are counted and the refund amount is calculated using a Smart Count Artificial Intelligence (AI) sorting machine. The total redemption value is then reflected in the participant's account.

Participants can access their funds within 72 hours in two ways:

- By linking the app to their bank account (via direct deposit), or through Venmo or PayPal.
- By using the kiosk to get a scannable receipt, which can be redeemed for cash at Our Planet Recycling at 445 Bayshore Boulevard.

Participants can receive cash immediately by:

Recycling CRV containers at Our Planet Recycling (OPR) located at 445 Bayshore Boulevard, Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blue recycling bag information

A two-pack of CRV redemption blue bag bags will be free to participants when they sign up for a BottleBank™ account. Bags can be picked up at mobile drop-off locations and at select retailers listed on the website and mobile app. In the future, select retailers will sell packs of eight BottleBank™ blue bags with a suggested retail price at around \$2.60.



Information on mobile bag drop-off locations

Mobile drop-off sites will be located throughout San Francisco on a rotating basis. Operating hours and locations will be posted at the BottleBank™ website: sfbottlebank.org, and on the smartphone app. The list of mobile drop-off sites will be updated regularly with new locations, times, and dates.

Below are current mobile bag drop-off locations and we are working to secure locations in each supervisorial district.

STARTING SITES	ADDRESS	DISTRICT
Delta Parking #2	450 5th Street	6
Stonestown Galleria	265 Winston Drive	7
SOTA (School of the Arts)	555 Portola Drive	8
Our Planet Recycling	445 Bayshore Blvd	9
Delta Parking #1	18 Vermont Street	10
Van Ness at Division	250 13th Street at Division	10

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