

# The Hidden Bottle Hunt!

Presented by BottleDrop

## 2024 BottleDrop Hidden Bottle Hunt Official Rules and Regulations

BottleDrop will provide clues to the secret locations of the hidden bottle daily from July 3 to 7. The first hunter to find the Bottle in each zone will be declared the winner and be allowed to keep the Bottle.

NO PURCHASE OR PAYMENT OF ANY KIND IS NECESSARY TO RECEIVE CLUES OR WIN THE PRIZE. A PURCHASE OR PAYMENT WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. YOU HAVE NOT YET WON. BY PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024 HIDDEN BOTTLE HUNT (THE "HUNT" OR "PROMOTION"), PARTICIPANTS ACCEPT AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN THESE OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS ("OFFICIAL RULES"). WINNING IS CONTINGENT ON FULFILLING ALL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THESE OFFICIAL RULES. ANY VIOLATION OF THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION, WITHOUT NOTICE OR OTHER OBLIGATION TO THE VIOLATOR. ALL DECISIONS OF SPONSOR ARE FINAL AND BINDING IN ALL RESPECTS. VOID WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW.

- 1. Sponsor.** The sponsor of this Promotion is the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) (17300 SE 120th Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015).
- 2. Promotion Period.** The five-day Hunt begins at 8 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time ("PDT") on Wednesday July 3, 2024, in each zone and ends when Sponsor has verified and announced that a winner has found the hidden bottle in that zone or, in the event the hidden bottle is not found, the Sponsor may elect to terminate the contest and no prize will be awarded.
- 3. Eligibility.** The Hidden Bottle Hunt is open to any person who is at least 18 years old at the time of participating (eligible adult) or accompanied by an eligible adult. Employees and immediate family of OBRC and BottleDrop, and board members of OBRC, are not eligible to participate. This Promotion is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations. Sponsor reserves the right to disqualify any participant that Sponsor determines, in its sole discretion, is ineligible to participate.
- 4. How to Participate: Hidden Bottle Hunt Rules.** To participate, read the daily written clues provided on [bottledrop.com/hunt](https://bottledrop.com/hunt) starting July 3. All clues will be released there for each of the six bottles, one per day, at 8 a.m. each day until July 7 or the bottle is found. We will announce on the page if the bottle is found. Clues and announcements will also be posted on BottleDrop social media accounts and via email if you sign up for the Hidden Bottle Hunt email.

Hunters are NOT permitted to communicate with staff or volunteers from BottleDrop or OBRC for additional clue clarification, advice or assistance. The treasure to be found is a special, painted glass bottle, about the size of a glass soda bottle, that will be placed in some type of additional packaging.

All bottles will be hidden in parks or trails or land that is open to the public. The bottles may be concealed but will not be buried or hidden in places



that require damaging the park/trail in any way. You do not need to dig underground or destroy any plants or structures to access the bottles, and doing so is prohibited. Bottles will not be hidden in any community garden spaces or along highways. Abide by hours and rules for any properties on which you are hunting. Do not hunt on property that is not open to the public. Hunters must be respectful of others' privacy, property, and person. THE TREASURE WILL BE HIDDEN ON PARK OR TRAIL OR OTHER PROPERTY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. SEARCHING ELSEWHERE IS EXPRESSLY PROHIBITED. Areas being searched should be left undisturbed in the same condition as before the search. Any treasure hunter found to have violated these rules, in Sponsor's sole discretion, will be ineligible to win the prize, even if the treasure hunter finds the treasure. The first hunter to find the treasure must contact the Sponsor via phone at the number provided with the bottle and follow the instructions provided for validation of the treasure.

**5. Prize and Winner:** There will be only one (1) prize winner per bottle (for a total of six prizes). Only one prize (described below) may be awarded to the participant who locates the treasure and is deemed by Sponsor, in its sole discretion, eligible to win. LOCATING THE TREASURE AND PRESENTING IT TO SPONSOR WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY MAKE THE TREASURE FINDER THE ACTUAL PRIZE WINNER. Receiving the prize is contingent upon meeting all eligibility requirements and compliance with these Official Rules. In the event Sponsor deems a potential winner ineligible, the contest for that bottle will be terminated. The ineligible participant will no longer be allowed to participate in the Promotion. The prize consists of (a) teal-colored commemorative bottle, and (b) \$1,000 donation to be directed to an Oregon nonprofit of the winner's choice, chosen from a list of registered nonprofits that raise funds for their organization through BottleDrop.

Sponsor considers the hidden bottles to be of negligible monetary value. The Internal Revenue Service requires a Form 1099 MISC to be filed by any prize winner if the value of any prize received by the winner is \$600 or more. If requested by winner, Sponsor may issue a Form 1099 MISC to the prize winner for the total Approximate Retail Value ("ARV") of the prize, and the prize winner is solely responsible for filing this completed form with the Internal Revenue Service. ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL TAXES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH ACCEPTANCE AND USE OF THE PRIZE IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WINNER.

All expenses and items not specifically mentioned in these Official Rules are not included and are the winner's sole responsibility. By participating, the winner waives the right to claim as a cost of winning the prize, the cost of taxes arising out of the prize or any other cost associated with obtaining or using the prize. The prize may not be exchanged, substituted, transferred or assigned by the winner. Sponsor reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to award a substitute prize of equal or greater value if the prize (or any portion thereof) described in these Official Rules is unavailable or cannot be awarded for any reason. The ARV of the prize represents Sponsor's good faith determination. That determination is final and binding and cannot be challenged or appealed. If the actual value of the prize turns out to be less than the stated ARV, the difference will not be awarded in cash or otherwise. Additional restrictions, conditions and limitations may apply.

**6. Odds of Winning:** The odds of winning the prize depend on the number of eligible individuals who participate in the Promotion.

**7. Publicity Release; Affidavit of Eligibility.** The potential winner may be asked to sign a publicity release and affidavit of eligibility before award of the prize. Requiring the potential winner to sign such documents,



however, in no way limits these Official Rules or the releases contained herein. The winner may be announced on Sponsor's websites, social media sites, and/or in other marketing materials. Each participant acknowledges and agrees that if he or she is the winner, his or her personally identifying information may be disclosed to third parties, including on a winner's list, if required by law.

However, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, each participant acknowledges and agrees that if he or she is the winner, Sponsor may use his or her personally identifying information for marketing Sponsor's services, products, offers, and events to him or her. The winner may unsubscribe from receipt of such marketing communications at any time. Neither the winner nor any participant will be required to disclose personal financial information to participate. Unless prohibited by law, acceptance of the prize shall constitute and signify the winner's agreement and consent that Sponsor, and third parties on Sponsor's behalf, may use the winner's name, city and state of residence, biographical data, voice, statements, image, likeness, and/or prize won (collectively the winner's "Name and Likeness") for marketing and promotional purposes and for any other business purpose, in any media, now known or hereafter developed, throughout the world, including on the Internet, without providing additional notice, consent, review opportunity or consideration to the winner. Each participant agrees that, if he or she is the winner, Sponsor (and third parties on Sponsor's behalf) has(ve) the unrestricted, absolute, perpetual, and worldwide right to reproduce, copy, exhibit, display, perform, transmit, broadcast, distribute, modify, create derivatives of, and otherwise use the winner's Name and Likeness. Each participant agrees that, if he or she is the winner, Sponsor may alter the winner's Name and Likeness and may combine the winner's Name and Likeness with other materials and information (including without limitation, text, data, images, photographs, illustrations, animation and graphics, or video or audio segments of any nature, in any media or embodiment, now known or hereafter developed). Each participant accepts and acknowledges that Sponsor shall not be obligated to use the winner's Name and Likeness, and Sponsor shall not incur any liability whatsoever to the extent Sponsor chooses to refrain from any exploitation of its rights hereunder.

**8. Release.** By participating, each participant assumes all liability for and all risk of any injury or damage caused or claimed to be caused by participation in this Promotion. Sponsor expressly disclaims any and all responsibility and/or liability for death, injury, or loss to any person or property relating to participants' participation in the Promotion and/or the delivery, possession, use, or misuse of the prize. By participating, each participant (i) agrees to release the Sponsor and each such entity's respective parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliates, and advertising and promotion agencies, and each such company's officers, directors, employees, agents, and independent contractors (collectively, the "Releasees") from any and all liability for any and all causes of action (however named or described), losses, damages, injuries, death, damage to or loss of personal property, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind arising out of or relating to participant's participation in this Promotion; the winner's acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of the prize; and/or Releasees use of your Name and Likeness under Section 7 above (including without limitation liability from claims for libel, defamation, invasion of privacy or right of publicity, or violation of any other right); and (ii) agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from and against all losses, liability, damages, injuries, death, damage to or loss of personal property, causes of action (however named or described), and/or costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of any kind, arising out of or relating to participant's participation in the Promotion; the winner's acceptance, possession, use, or misuse of the prize; and/or Releasees use of your Name and Likeness under Section 7 above (including without limitation liability from claims for libel, defamation,



invasion of privacy or right of publicity, or violation of any other right). The prize must be accepted as awarded, and the prize will be awarded “AS IS” and “AS AVAILABLE” with no guarantee, warranty or representation, express or implied, in fact or in law.

**9. Limitation of Liability.** Releasees are not responsible for: (i) Any incorrect or inaccurate information, whether caused by participants, printing or typographical errors, or by any of the equipment or programming associated with or utilized in the Promotion; (ii) technical failures of any kind, including without limitation malfunctions, interruptions or disconnections in phone lines, network availability, server or other connections, hardware or software, or other equipment; or other disruption related to Internet traffic, viruses, or otherwise; (iii) forces beyond the reasonable control of Sponsor that may cause the Promotion to be disrupted or corrupted; (iv) unauthorized human intervention in any part of the operation of the Promotion; (v) technical or human error that may occur in the administration of the Promotion; or (vi) any death, injury or damage to persons or property which may result, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from a participant’s participation in the Promotion.

**10. Disputes; Additional Limitations of Liability.** Except where prohibited, participant agrees that: (i) These Official Rules, and the rights and obligations of the participants and Sponsor in connection with the Promotion, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Oregon, without giving effect to any conflict-of-law rules that would result in the application of the laws of any other jurisdiction; (ii) any and all disputes, claims, and causes of action arising out of or connected with this Promotion or the prize awarded shall be resolved individually, without resort to any form of class action, and exclusively by the courts located in Oregon, and participants submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts located in Oregon for any and all causes of action relating to this Promotion; (iii) any and all claims, judgments, and awards shall be limited to the greater of (a) actual out-of-pocket costs incurred by the applicable participant relating to the Promotion, including costs associated with entering and participating in the Promotion and claiming the prize (if any), or (b) USD 25.00; but in no event will any participant be awarded attorneys’ fees; (iv) under no circumstances will participants be permitted to obtain awards for, and participants hereby waive all rights to claim, indirect, punitive, special, exemplary, incidental and consequential damages; and (v) under no circumstances will participants be permitted to obtain awards for, and participants hereby waive all rights to have, damages multiplied or otherwise increased. SOME JURISDICTIONS DO NOT ALLOW THE LIMITATION OR EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES SO THE ABOVE MAY NOT APPLY TO YOU.

**11. General:** OBRC reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify this Promotion if fraud or technical failures or any other factor beyond their reasonable control compromise the integrity of the Promotion, as determined by the aforementioned in their sole discretion. Sponsor reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual who Sponsor finds to be tampering with the operation of the Promotion or to be acting in violation of the Official Rules of this Promotion or any other promotion or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner. Sponsor’s failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of such term on another occasion or any other term. Unless required by law, Sponsor is not required to review or respond to any correspondence received from a participant.

**CAUTION:** Any attempt by any person to defraud Sponsor in connection with the Promotion, to damage any website, or to otherwise deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Promotion, may be a violation of criminal and civil laws and subject to criminal and civil penalties. Should such an attempt be made, Sponsor will disqualify any such person from the



Promotion, without notice to such person, and Sponsor reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law and to cooperate in the prosecution of any such conduct.

12. **Winner Posting:** Winners will be publicly announced on the [bottledrop.com](https://bottledrop.com) website and on BottleDrop or OBRC social media posts and promotional materials, and may be obtained by sending a request with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to OBRC Hidden Bottle Hunt Winner c/o the External Relations Department, 17300 SE 120th Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015.

13. **Questions:** These Official Rules are on file at the OBRC office. Questions regarding these Official Rules or the Promotion may be directed to OBRC at [pr@obrc.com](mailto:pr@obrc.com). Hunters are not allowed to contact OBRC, BottleDrop or affiliates for clue information or clarification.

**Consumer Disclosure:** You have not yet won. No purchase or payment of any kind is necessary to participate in or win this Promotion. A purchase or payment will not increase your chances of winning. One prize of a Teal-Colored Commemorative Bottle will be awarded to the six eligible participants who first find the hidden treasures and one \$1,000 donation will be directed to a nonprofit of each winner's choice from BottleDrop's list of Oregon nonprofits registered with BottleDrop to raise funds for their nonprofits. Restrictions apply: Must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an eligible adult. Winner responsible for all taxes and expenses not specifically included in the prize. Promotion begins at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time on July 3, 2024, and ends when Sponsor has verified and announced that a winner(s) has found the hidden treasure and been awarded the prize. Sponsor: Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (17300 SE 120th Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015).

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