

What happens when the only
recycling center in a
convenience zone closes?

Convenience Zone (CZ) Status Designations

- **Served Zone (SZ)**

- Currently served by at least one recycling center (RC) within the convenience zone (CZ).

- **Exempt Zone (EZ)**

- Not currently served by a recycling center (RC) within the convenience zone (CZ), but exempt from having to redeem in store or pay the daily fee to the fund.

- **Unserved Zone (UZ)**

- Not currently served by a recycling center (RC) within the convenience zone (CZ).

- **Hold (HZ)**

- Not currently served by a recycling center (RC) within the convenience zone (CZ), but currently under review to determine if will become exempt or unserved. Hold status is generated when the only RC is no longer in the zone or a zone is newly activated.

A zone that is referred to as “not” served can be Hold, Exempt, or Unserved.

Unserved Convenience Zone Timeline

A convenience zone becomes a **Hold Zone (HZ)** when it is a newly activated zone or the only recycler serving the zone is no longer active. This triggers an **Exemption Review**. *

Stores (supermarkets and beverage dealers) are sent letters telling them the exemption review determination.

- The HZ goes through the exemption review process. The Exemption Review Determination concludes in either “Exemption Granted,” “Exemption Denied,” or “Exemption Revoked” for impacted exempt zones.
- If an exemption is **denied** or **revoked** then the status of the supermarket and all of the beverage dealers in the convenience zone become **Unserved (UZ)**.
- **Stores are not required to redeem or pay the fee yet.**

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Unserved Convenience Zone Timeline

About 30 days after the first notice is mailed, a **Second Notice** is mailed to the store.

If stores do not return the affidavit in a timely manner, they automatically billed for Option B, at \$100 a day.

● The newly unserved supermarkets and beverage dealers in the zone begin a 60 day notice series advising them that there is not a recycling center in their zone. The first of the three notices is sent in the middle of the month.*

● About 30 days after the **Second Notice** is mailed to the store, a **Final Notice** with an Affidavit is sent, via certified mail. This completes the 60 day notice series. At this time the store is required to return an affidavit agreeing to redeem empty CRV beverage containers in the store (Option A) or pay a \$100 per day fee to the fund (Option B). **

● *§14571.7. (a), **§14571.6 (1) and (b)