



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS ARE ENDLESSLY RECYCLABLE. Even after continual recycling, glass never loses its quality, purity, and clarity. Glass is 100% recyclable. And 100% pure.

GLASS IS FUNDAMENTAL TO RECYCLING PROGRAMS. Consumers expect glass containers to be included in recycling programs. Recycling glass diverts this valuable resource from the landfill to be made into new glass bottles.

GLASS RECYCLING BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT. Using recycled glass in the manufacturing process saves raw materials, lessens the demand for energy, and cuts CO2 emissions.

GLASS IS SUSTAINABLE. The life-cycle of glass—from natural raw materials, to manufacturing, through closed loop recycling—sets the environmental standard for packaging.

WHY RECYCLE GLASS

THE RECYCLING “G” LOGO on glass packaging lets you know it’s made from recycled glass—and can be recycled again and again. **LOOK FOR IT!**



Glass Recycles

GLASS RECYCLING RESOURCES. The Glass Packaging Institute web site is your one stop source for glass container recycling.

You’ll find:

- Environmental facts about glass recycling
- Frequently asked questions
- Best practices for glass recycling
- Resources for recycling at bars and restaurants
- Cullet processor locations in the U.S.
- Community education materials

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GLASS RECYCLING

The need
for quality
is clear

Bottle to bottle recycling is the highest and best use of glass cullet. Contamination from non-glass items creates challenges for recyclers and cullet users.

These unwanted materials decrease the value of recovered glass and increase recycling costs. They also slow down new container production, reduce glass quality, and damage glass manufacturing equipment.

TIPS FOR HIGH QUALITY

To improve markets—and revenue—for recovered glass:

- ✓ Retain glass size during collection and processing.
- ✓ Set up recycling contract incentives with a shared revenue component.
- ✓ Use new, high-tech equipment, such as optical sorting.
- ✓ Add restaurant, bar, and hotel collection to expand clean glass recovery.
- ✓ Weed out contamination for the highest market value.

Learn how communities are putting these into practice at www.gpi.org.



RECYCLING

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

The trend to commingle all recyclables can increase contamination, resulting in fewer containers recycled into new glass bottles and jars. Ensure high-quality glass recycling.



1 Recycle Glass Containers Only

CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT'S A BOTTLE OR JAR:

- ✓ iced tea and soda bottles
- ✓ beer bottles
- ✓ wine and liquor bottles
- ✓ juice and water containers

2 Keep It Clean

KEEP OUT ALL NON-CONTAINER GLASS:

- ✗ ceramic coffee cups
- ✗ drinking glasses
- ✗ mirrors
- ✗ Pyrex
- ✗ light bulbs

Also, no metal caps, lids, or neck rings; or ceramic and wire caps from beer bottles.



3 Enjoy products in new glass bottles and jars

Glass bottles and jars go from recycling bin to the store shelf in as little as 30 days. Glass containers can be recycled again and again. Be sure to include glass when recycling.

