



#### **GLASS IS 100% RECYCLABLE.**

Glass bottles and jars go from recycling bin to store shelf in as little as 30 days.

#### **GLASS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF ANY RECYCLING PROGRAM.**

Recycling glass diverts this valuable resource from landfilling. Consumers expect glass to be included in recycling programs.

**GLASS RECYCLING BENEFITS THE ENVIRONMENT.** Glass is endlessly recyclable. Using recycled glass saves raw materials and lessens demand for energy.

# 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 RECYCLING RESOURCES.** The Glass Packaging Institute web site is your one-stop source on glass container recycling. You'll find:

- ✓ Quick facts
- ✓ Frequently asked questions
- ✓ Best practices for glass collection
- ✓ Model community programs
- ✓ 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 create 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-dump 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](http://www.gpi.org).



# THREE STEPS

*to clean glass recycling*

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



## 1

### Containers Only

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

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

## 2

### Contaminant Free

**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

### Color Separated

**SEPARATE GLASS BY COLOR—CLEAR, AMBER, GREEN.** Color separation is best done at

the curb. Otherwise, it must occur early in the recycling process to ensure high-quality cullet that matches the color standards required by glass container customers.

