



WHEN IT COMES TO GLASS, WE NEED TO PASS.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT GLASS IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN!

As stewards of the environment and advocates for our customers, Advanced Disposal recognizes the value of recycling. But while recycling is important to all of us, it does present some challenges. That's why we are asking our customers to discontinue recycling glass. Here are a just a few reasons why:

Recycling Glass Is Costly

On the recycled materials market, glass competes with a cheap and plentiful commodity – sand. Glass jars and bottles have to be crushed and ground down to small, consistently sized particles called cullet in order to melt uniformly. This means the cost of preparing glass to look like sand is very high. Plus, glass is heavy and there are limited recycling plants willing to accept glass. Heavy items cost more to ship due to greater fuel consumption. Fewer, more distant processing locations not only take more miles and fuel, but more driver time to travel, and we all know time is money.

Glass Has Extras

Most glass contains plastic or paper from labels, and removing these contaminants consumes energy. Cullet must be completely free of all residue. If it isn't, the effectiveness of the furnace used to melt the glass is reduced, thus, potentially ruining an entire batch of molten glass.

Broken Glass = Broken Distribution Chain

Glass is easily broken during collection and transportation. This creates a safety hazard for workers as well as an energy and environmental issue. To prevent breakage, glass must either be made heavier or must be wrapped in protective film. Both methods consume more energy and lower the value of recycled glass as a commodity.



Little To No Environmental Benefits

Unfortunately, the processing required to recycle glass negates most, if not all, of the environmental benefits of recycling. This is due to the carbon footprint left by equipment and trucks used for the collection, shipping, storage and processing of used glass. Making new glass actually has less of an environmental impact than recycling.¹

We appreciate your cooperation by no longer placing any type of glass in your recycling container. Thank you for continuing to recycle your paper, junk mail, magazines, newspaper, plastics #1-#7, aluminum and steel cans and cardboard.



¹Source: curbsiderewards.com

