



GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

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 Recycling Earth's Resources

A Move Toward Contaminant-free Recycled Glass



Glass Recycling Drop-off Container



Acceptable Glass Colors

Why is the Sanitation Division moving in this direction?

Keeping recyclable materials, particularly glass, free of contaminants is a growing and critical concern throughout the nation. Glass manufacturers require high-quality recycled glass in order to meet market demands for new glass products, and color-sorted, contaminant-free recycled glass is critical to the glass recycling process. While the County's single-stream recycling program generates high recycling participation and large amounts of recyclable materials, including recyclable glass, glass recycling drop-off locations are becoming increasingly popular and effective in yielding high-quality glass.

Will the Sanitation Division discontinue the placement of glass in curbside single-stream recycling?

Yes. The DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved this discontinuation policy on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, and the implementation date was Monday, July 17, 2017.

Can glass products be placed in household garbage for disposal?

Yes. However, migrating toward a more sustainable approach to glass preservation is recommended, and this county-operated glass recycling drop-off program provides glass recyclers with an alternative to placing glass in their household garbage, thus preserving the integrity of this recyclable resource.

What types of glass items are acceptable?

Only food and beverage glass containers are accepted. Pane glass, light bulbs and ceramic glass are not accepted.

What glass colors will be accepted?

Only blue, green, clear and brown glass will be accepted.

Where are the county-operated glass recycling drop-off containers located?

County-operated containers are located in county parks, recreation centers, fire stations, and library and Target store parking lots. Please visit www.dekalbsanitation.com for specific location information.

How should used glass containers be prepared for placement in county-operated drop-off containers?

Please rinse all food and liquids from used glass containers and place them loosely in drop-off containers.

What is the end use of recycled glass?

Recycled glass is used for manufacturing new glass containers and fiberglass.

What are the program's benefits?

Glass recycling conserves natural resources/reduces the consumption of raw materials; extends a landfill's useful life; supports recycling and the closed-loop recycling process; lowers glass product manufacturing costs; and creates jobs within the glass container and fiberglass industries.

To obtain more information about the program, please visit www.dekalbsanitation.com.

Parks & Recreation Centers

- Brook Run Park
- Redan Recreation Center
- Briarwood Park
- Medlock Park
- Exchange Park Recreation Center

Libraries

- Stonecrest Library

Fire Stations

- Fire Station 9
- Fire Station 22

Seminole Road Landfill