



## GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM

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### A Move Toward Contaminant-free Recycled Glass

#### 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](http://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](http://www.dekalbsanitation.com).



Glass Recycling Drop-off Container



Acceptable Glass Colors

#### Parks & Recreation Centers

- ❖ Brook Run Park
- ❖ Redan Recreation Center
- ❖ Wade Walker Park
- ❖ Medlock Park
- ❖ Exchange Park Recreation Center

#### Library

- ❖ Stonecrest Library

#### Seminole Road Landfill

#### Brookhaven Police Headquarters