



Glass

Take a **glass half-full** approach to recycling.

It takes a million years for glass to break down in a landfill. But it doesn't take a million years to implement a glass recycling solution with Rubicon by your side. We'll help you gather every bottle and jar in a way that's cost-efficient and easy to implement.

How It Works

1— Identify waste stream opportunities

We'll roll up our sleeves and look at the type of glass produced and how much glass could be diverted and used for recycling.

2— Sort it out

We'll devise a glass recycling program that fits your business needs and meets local market requirements — whether you need to sort by type, color, or not at all.

3— Optimize your waste service

Maximize the impact of your glass recycling by scheduling pickups on-demand, resulting in better cost and reduction in transportation emissions.



FAQs about glass recycling

Why should my business recycle glass?

Glass can be recycled endlessly without any loss in quality. Recycling just one glass bottle saves enough energy from the manufacturing process to keep a 100-watt bulb on for hours. Glass is a heavy recyclable that when added to the garbage can end up costing you more in disposal fees. Why throw away glass when you could recycle it and potentially save on disposal costs? Aside from better business practices, glass recycling is sometimes mandated by local governments to support sustainability initiatives. Whether your business is looking to implement a zero-waste program or adhere to local recycling requirements, Rubicon can help you design a glass recycling program with greater cost efficiency.

Why is glass recycling more expensive?

Glass can be difficult to handle safely, is heavy, can be abrasive on processing equipment, and can mix in with other recyclables. Because costs in waste management are measured by weight, there are often additional charges for transporting heavier materials. Rubicon's hauler bidding process ensures we'll always find the best price to transport your glass recycling.

What kind of glass can I recycle?

Many haulers won't accept certain types of glass like windshields, Pyrex, and windows. It's not that these can't be recycled, but that they have different melting points and need to be specially processed so as to not damage equipment. However, light bulbs, mirrors and laboratory glasses are considered serious contaminants that can cause an entire batch of recyclables to be rejected. Haulers are mostly looking for bottles and jars often found at restaurants, hotels, bars, and other locations that generate this material. Rubicon helps sort this problem with our nationwide network of haulers. We'll help to find all viable options for recycling as much material in your bin as possible.

Do I need to sort my glass?

It depends. In some cities, it's required to sort your glass by color, and for many haulers sorting is a big deal. Manufacturers want their bottles to match the color standards required by consumers. If you do live somewhere without recycling requirements, there are options for single-bin glass recycling. Rubicon will work with you to create a simple glass recycling program and find the right bins to help you get started. We'll maximize the value of your glass and help you recycle with ease.