

March Recyclable of the Month



Glass



Did you know that glass containers (bottles/jars) can be recycled an infinite number of times? But less than 45% of all glass used in the United States is properly recycled !

The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) indicates recycling a single glass container produces enough electricity to light a 100-watt bulb for four hours. An interesting fact: glass is technically biodegradable...but it would take about 1 million years for a single glass bottle to completely break down.

Glass containers come in four different colors:

CLEAR BLUE BROWN GREEN

Glass **must be separated** by color to ensure that new glass is not created from a mix of colors. The Wellesley RDF makes it easy to sort your glass by color- just follow the signs!

Please remember to rinse out your glass containers and refundable glass bottles before you bring them to the RDF. **In Wellesley, refundable glass bottles are now recycled with other appropriate colored glass, simply sort by color onto the trays.** Leave your old ceramics, lids, **drinking glasses**, light bulbs, mirrors, and other excluded items at home; mixing these in with recyclable glass will contaminate the final product. Take a "Step UP!" and spare a few moments to sort and clean your glass containers

Thanks for "Stepping Up!"

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