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### Glass Containers Continue to be Recycled in Loudoun County

Loudoun County officials remind residents and businesses that glass food and beverage containers continue to be recycled in the county. Recycling collectors who receive a permit from the county to operate as “major” collectors are required to collect glass containers for recycling, along with cardboard and paperboard, steel/tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines, plastic beverage and detergent containers and yard waste.

Those residents who do not have curbside recycling service may recycle their glass containers at one of several [county-operated recycling drop-off centers](#) conveniently located throughout the county.

Before being recycled, all glass containers should be empty and relatively clean, with little or no food residue or liquids, and should be placed loosely in the recycling bin, not in plastic bags. Taking these steps will help reduce the contamination of glass containers that has led some local governments to stop recycling glass.

Glass containers currently collected in Loudoun County through curbside recycling services are taken to material recovery facilities where all materials are sorted and prepared for shipping and recycling. Due to the presence of contaminants in the glass following the sorting process, the glass is primarily repurposed as a low-value material for landfill operations such as road base and daily cover. While Virginia law allows this repurposing, the Loudoun County landfill does not accept glass materials for its operations.

Loudoun County is exploring alternative collection methods for glass containers to help ensure they are able to be fully recycled, including a future pilot program involving “container glass only” collection bins at a few county recycling drop-off centers.

For more information about recycling in Loudoun County, visit [loudoun.gov/recycling](http://loudoun.gov/recycling). Contact the Loudoun County Department of General Services with any questions at [dgs@loudoun.gov](mailto:dgs@loudoun.gov) or 703-771-5514.

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