

City of Carlsbad- Glass Recycling FAQ (1-21-16)

The City of Carlsbad now offers glass recycling, thanks to a new glass pulverizer, courtesy of Guadalupe Mountains National Park (NPS).

Where do we drop off glass?

Please take your glass to the “Glass Only” green recycling bins. Currently (January 2016), we have these bins at our new solid waste convenience drop off center (302 East Plaza Street), at the recycling station on Lamont Street, and at Buffalo Wild Wings (1801 W. Piece Street). We look forward to adding more locations in the future. Only glass needs to be separate – other recyclables should be placed together into the blue mixed waste containers.

What glass materials can we recycle?

We can recycle bottles and jars of all colors, shapes and sizes. We are unable to recycle light bulbs, window glass or ceramic materials.

What happens to the glass?

The pulverizer, which is located at the convenience station, grinds the materials up and converts them into sand. That sand will be used for either trails with the National Park Service or for City projects such as the parking lot on C-Hill. A plan to make the material available to the public is in development.

Do you offer door to door glass recycling?

While we are adding curbside recycling to many neighborhoods, we presently do not offer this service for glass.

Do we have to do anything to the bottles before we bring them to you?

Please make sure there are no lids on the bottles, but labels are fine. Bottles don't have to be perfectly clean, but we do appreciate a quick cleaning! Please remove the glass from any bags when you drop it off.

Why is this important? Do I get a refund for bringing glass to you?

We are unable to provide financial reimbursement for recyclables. By putting the glass to good use, we are reducing landfill costs and reducing the weekly trash workload. Broken glass can also be very dangerous, and recycling this material takes it off the street and helps keep Carlsbad beautiful! Thank you for your support!

For more information, please call the City of Carlsbad Public Works Department at (575) 885-6262, or visit us at www.facebook.com/carlsbadsw.