

Glass Recycling in Atlanta





Core strengths in packaging, waste and organics recovery, coupled with expertise in life cycle management and applied sustainable design.

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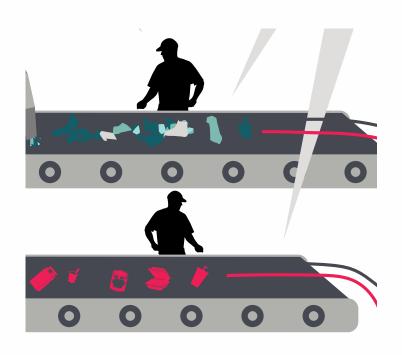


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History of Collection

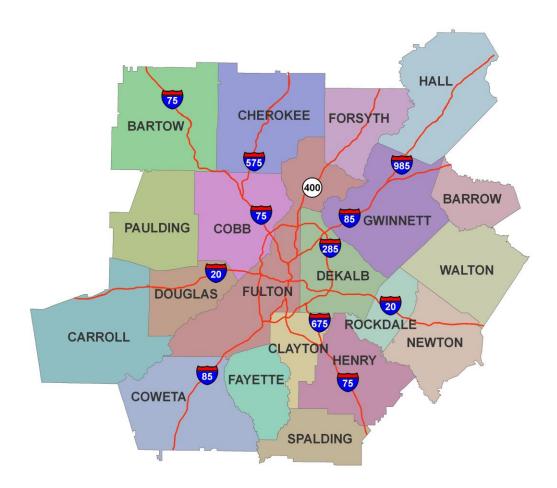
Glass End Users

Resulting Solutions for Residential Glass Recovery













History of Glass in Metro Atlanta

- Separate Drop-off Collection 1980's
- •Source Separated Curbside Collection of Recyclables 1990's
- Inclusion of Glass in Single Stream Collection and Processing at MRF
- •In last 13 months, glass has seen a decrease in recovery at metro-Atlanta MRF's
- Many haulers and MRF's have notified customers about the intent to stop taking glass





Glass Struggles

- •The Georgia Recycling Coalition, the Glass Packaging Institute and the Glass Recovery Coalition convened the Georgia Glass Recycling Summit in August to address the glass recovery issues
- •What we learned:
 - More stringent glass specifications have led to increased landfilling of residual MRF glass
 - End Users in Georgia Want the Glass, but want it clean
 - Currently End Users are importing glass into Georgia





End Users of Georgia Glass







- Two glass container manufacturing plants
- Two secondary glass processing facilities
- Three fiberglass manufacturing facilities
- •At least one company company that manufactured glass countertops





Solutions Resulting from the State of Glass

- Source Separated at the Curb
- Opportunity for Glass Specific Drop-off
 Locations
- Increased Glass Collection at Recycling Facilities and CHaRM
- Additional Municipalities Are Looking at Sharing the Costs





Source Separated at Curb





- •City surveyed residents to see if they wanted to continue glass collection at the curb.
- and if so, were they willing to pay for it.
- •Over 90% responded "yes".
- Now glass is being collected source separated at the curb via a custom designed truck.
- An additional yearly fee was added.





Glass Specific Drop-off Locations

- RippleGlass has a successful roll-off collection model out of Kansas City
- Roll-off's are branded and collect glass from a
 90 mile radius of its plant
- Momentum has a similar system in Utah





Glass Specific Drop-off Locations











Increased Glass Collection at Recycling Facilities and CHaRM

 With increased awareness of the state of glass recycling in Metro Atlanta, existing drop-off facilities and CHaRM have seen a dramatic increase in glass recovery.



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Municipalities May Look to Share Cost

- •A couple of municipalities are looking at sharing the cost of glass recovery at the curb, if possible.
- A collaboration
 between Municipality,
 MRF, glass processor.







Glass, the way it is.....in Metro Atlanta







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