

# Recycling Glass *the Facts!*



## Glass that CAN be recycled in your yellow bin

- ✓ Glass that originally contained a food, beverage or medicine can be deposited into your yellow kerbside bin for recycling.
- ✓ Includes glass bottles that contained soft drink, milk, sauces, alcohol, vitamins and jars that contained jam and condiments.
- ✓ Glass containers need to be free of their contents prior to placing in the yellow bin. They don't have to be spotlessly clean but a quick rinse with used dishwater is appreciated by the recycling facility staff. Please don't waste fresh water!

## What CANNOT be recycled through your yellow bin

As a general rule, if it wasn't used to contain a food or beverage then it cannot be recycled. This includes mirrors, windows, crockery, perfume bottles and drinking glasses. These need to go in the red landfill bin.

These types of glass have different melting temperatures to glass bottles and spoil the recycling process and therefore cannot be recycled.

Light globes and fluorescent tubes cannot go into either of your kerbside bins. Light globes and tubes contain a mixture of materials, including some toxic substances, therefore they need specialised recycling. Please take them to a [Shoalhaven City Council Recycling and Waste Depot](#) for free recycling.

## Reusing and repurposing glass

If glass items are in **good** working condition you can take them to an OpShop\* or a [Buy-Back Centre](#) which are located at selected Shoalhaven City Council Recycling and Waste Depots.

## The glass recycling process

Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled indefinitely, making it one of the world's most sustainable products. Glass is recycled into new glass bottles and jars and can also be recycled for use in the building industry.

## Did you know?

Recycling a glass jar saves enough energy to light a bulb for four hours!

\*Please don't donate any goods to OpShops that are not of a good working standard. Glass items should not be cracked or broken.