



GLASS RECYCLING FAQ

WHAT: The City of Galena offers drop-off *glass recycling* for all area residents and businesses.

WHERE: Glass may be deposited in the purple recycling dumpster in the parking lot *at Tammy's Piggly Wiggly*, 997 Galena Square Drive (behind McDonald's).

WHEN: Drop off your glass during business hours of Tammy's Piggly Wiggly.

Q. WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

A. All colors of food and beverage glass are accepted. Labels can stay on. If you can see through it, we can likely recycle it! For a complete list of what can and can't be recycled, please [click here](#).

Q. WHY ISN'T GLASS COLLECTED IN THE GALENA CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM?

A. In January 2017, the area recycling facility, Dittmer Recycling, stopped accepting glass at its facility in Dubuque and explained that there is no longer a viable market for glass. The City of Galena has since partnered with the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency and Ripple Glass of Kansas City, Missouri, to offer an alternative to curbside glass recycling. Glass deposited in the Galena recycling dumpster at Tammy's Piggly Wiggly is processed into glass cullet and turned into new products.

Q. DO I HAVE TO SEPARATE GLASS BY COLOR?

A. No, you don't! All brown, green, blue, and clear food and beverage containers can be mixed together in the same collection bin.

Q. DO I NEED TO TAKE THE LABELS OFF?

A. Nope. You can leave all the labels on your containers, unless you're into label peeling for some reason.

Q. DO I NEED TO REMOVE LIDS AND CAPS?

A. If you can take them off easily, that would be great! Otherwise, if the cap just won't come off, don't bother removing it. Corks stuck inside wine bottles are okay to leave in too.

Q. DO I HAVE TO RINSE THE CONTAINERS?

A. Well, that would be nice. But it's not essential. You may, however, decide that rinsing the containers keeps your home or garage smelling a bit fresher.

Q. CAN I PUT PYREX OR COFFEE MUGS IN THE PURPLE RECYCLING DUMPSTER?

A. We cannot accept Pyrex, Corning ware, ceramics, dishware, or ham sandwiches. We can accept all glass food and beverage containers of any color (including mason jars and glass drinking vessels such as wine glasses).

Q. CAN I PUT MIRRORS, LIGHT BULBS OR TVs IN THE PURPLE BIN?

A. We'll keep this one short. No, no and no.

Q. CAN I PUT WINDOWS, SHOWER DOORS OR GLASS TABLE TOPS IN THE PURPLE BIN?

A. Sometimes. If the frames or bases are removed it's probably okay. We cannot accept glass that is laminated (think windshields), or safety glass that is designed not to break.

Q. CAN I PUT CANDLE JARS OR VOTIVES IN THE PURPLE RECYCLING DUMPSTER?

A. You sure can! As long as they are glass, we'll even take them if there's a bit of wax remaining.