

# GLASS DROP-OFF FAQ

## 1. Why do I have to separate my glass from other recycling?

The State Government is standardising household waste and recycling services across the state. It is very difficult to separate glass from other recyclable materials, and glass items often break in mixed recycling bins. By providing a separate drop-off for glass, we will be able to make sure these resources are more effectively recycled into things like roads and footpaths, or even back into glass bottles!

Greater Shepparton City Council is a leading council in resource recovery and other environmental initiatives. The implementation of this service will demonstrate yet again this commitment to a more sustainable future.

## 2. Where can I take my glass for recycling?

At the Resource Recovery Centres, there are bright purple skip bins ready for glass disposal. Glass can be taken to any of Greater Shepparton City Council Resource Recovery Centres for free.

They are:

- Shepparton Resource Recovery Centre  
125 Wanganui Road, Shepparton
- Ardmona Resource Recovery Centre  
770 Turnbull Road, Ardmona
- Murchison Resource Recovery Centre  
Corner of Old Whroo Road and Cassidy Road, Murchison

## 3. When can I drop my glass off?

The glass drop-off bins will only be available during the standard operating hours of the Resource Recovery Centres. For further details, please visit Greater Shepparton City Council's Resource Recovery Centres webpage.

## 4. Can I have a kerbside bin for recycling glass?

Currently, Greater Shepparton City Council operates a three bin kerbside collection service. Glass recycling is only available at the Resource Recovery Centres. If a drop-off service is chosen by the community, kerbside collection bins will not be an option for recycling glass.

## 5. Can the glass go into my bins at home?

Glass will not be accepted in any of your kerbside bins, you will need to take it to a drop off point, which is at the Resource Recovery Centres. Glass is very expensive to process as landfill waste and is easily recyclable so should never be placed in the red (landfill) bin. When placed into the yellow (mixed recycling) bin it can break and glass shards can contaminate the rest of the recycling. It is for this reason glass cannot go into the yellow bin.

## 6. How much does it cost to dispose of glass?

Glass bottles and jars are free to dispose of at the Resource Recovery Centres.

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## 7. What type of glass can I recycle at the Resource Recovery Centres?

- Glass Jars (empty, clean, no lids): pasta sauce, jam, condiments etc.
- Glass Bottles (empty, clean, no lids): wine champagne, beer spirit, soft drink and mixers etc.

## 8. What type of glass can't I recycle at the Resource Recovery Centres?

- Bottle and jar lids and corks
- Drinking glassware and crystal glassware
- Mirrors and windows
- Glass bottles containing cigarette butts or lids
- Broken crockery, bakeware or glass storage containers
- Perfume bottles

All of these items must be placed in your red lid (landfill) bin or taken to the Resource Recovery Centres for disposal as waste.

## 9. Do I need to remove lids?

Yes, lids must be removed before you put bottles/jars in the purple lid bin. Lids need to be put in the red (landfill) bin, unless they are metal (these can be placed in your recycling bin).

## 10. Do I need to remove labels?

You don't need to remove the labels.

## 11. Do I have to clean the glass items before I put them in the purple lid bin?

Yes, please make sure you remove any food/drink residue from inside the glass bottle/jar before taking it to the Resource Recovery Centres. A quick rinse should do the job!

## 12. Will I be able to use Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to recycle my glass products?

Only certain glass items will be allowed to be dropped off at a CDS location. The State Government is currently developing a list of items that will be able to be recycled through the CDS scheme. The CDS is not due to be rolled out until 2023.