



REFUSE, RETHINK, REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE: GLASS



- GLASS IS 100% INFINITY RECYCLABLE!
- Glass is made from readily available domestic materials, such as sand, soda ash, limestone, and “cullet,” the industry term for furnace-ready recycled glass.
- Recycled glass can be substituted for up to 95% of raw materials.
- Manufacturers benefit from recycling in several ways: Recycled glass reduces emissions and consumption of raw materials, extends the life of plant equipment, such as furnaces, and saves energy.
- Recycled glass containers are always needed because glass manufacturers require high-quality recycled container glass to meet market demands for new glass containers.
- Color sorting makes a difference, too. Glass manufacturers are limited in the amount of mixed color-cullet (called "3 mix") they can use to manufacture new containers. Separating recycled container glass by color allows the industry to ensure that new bottles match the color standards required by glass container customers.
- According to the EPA, 33.1% of all glass food and beverage containers are recycled.
- Energy costs drop about 2-3% for every 10% cullet used in the manufacturing process.