

A new approach to glass recycling

As we advised our customers in November, Waste Management will stop collecting glass in mixed recycling collections in Tauranga and the Western Bay of Plenty from Thursday March 1.

Why did we do this?

Glass can contaminate other recyclable materials.

Glass collected in mixed recycling often breaks and contaminates other recyclable materials. As a result, a lot of the glass collected in mixed recycling now goes to landfill, along with all the other materials in the bin that it contaminates.

Glass poses unacceptable safety risk to our team.

Shards of broken glass cause serious injury and are an unacceptable safety risk for our team, who hand sort the community's recyclable material.

New collection points will help us recycle more glass and support community groups.

Waste Management is setting up Bins for Better Communities, a new initiative to recycle more glass and generate income for schools and community groups.

Bins for Better Communities provides participating schools and community groups with purpose-built glass collection bins.

Anyone in the community can take their glass for recycling to these collection points. Some local businesses are also establishing collection points.

We will frequently service these

and pay the groups for the glass that is recycled.

By taking your glass to your local glass recycling station you will increase the amount of glass that is being recycled in Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty. At the same time, you will be supporting our local community groups.

Find out more

We will continue to collect all other waste and mixed recycling (without glass) from every customer.

We have confirmed a number of collection stations across Tauranga and Western Bay of Plenty for glass and are adding more. We are grateful for the support of

these schools, businesses and community groups.

If your school or community group would like to establish a glass recycling collection station let us know.

For more information or to find your nearest Glass Recycling Station, visit wastemanagement.co.nz/tauranga.

"We have housed a glass recycling station on Mt Maunganui Intermediate grounds for 6 months and it continues to work well for the school. Through our arrangement with Waste Management the school saves money which can be used for other initiatives. Importantly, the station hasn't created any debris on school grounds which was one of my original concerns. We are seeing more glass being deposited in the station and are looking forward to this increasing further with the changes to glass recycling in our region."

Jeremy Roberts - Property Manager, Mt Maunganui Intermediate School