



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

Rules for disposing of glass in Nevada depend on whether it is for recycling, general waste, or laboratory waste, and if it is broken or unbroken:

Recycling glass

- Only recycle clean, empty glass bottles and jars.
- Rinse out any leftover food or drink before recycling to prevent contamination during the recycling process.
- Brown, green, and clear glass are accepted.

Broken glass

- Never place broken glass directly into the trash or recycling.
- Wrap broken glass securely in a thick garbage bag or other protective material before disposal in the trash, to prevent injuries to custodial and sanitation workers.
- Wear work gloves, use a broom and a dustpan, and wear thick-soled shoes when handling broken glass.

Non-recyclable glass

- Items like window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, ceramics, and pottery are typically not recyclable at curbside due to different chemical compositions and melting points.
- Consider donating these items if they are in good condition.
- If not suitable for donation or reuse, wrap them carefully and dispose of them in the regular trash.

Laboratory glassware (follow specific EH&S guidelines)

- First, dispose of any residual liquid or chemicals properly.
- Deface existing chemical labels and mark container as "EMPTY."
- Rinse containers three times with water before placing them in glass disposal containers.
- Do not overfill containers. Dispose of glass when two-thirds full.
- Liner bags should be tied or taped shut first, then containers and lids securely taped, before disposing of glass container in the regular trash.
- Do not place needles, syringes, scalpels, or other sharps in glass disposal containers. These items pose unique hazards and must be managed separately in designated sharps containers.

GLASS DISPOSAL



Glass disposal boxes are available in desktop or floor model sizes and have polyethylene liners. Contact EH&S below to request one for your department.

Other glass disposal container options include:

- 1) Using a five-gallon plastic bucket, with a lid, and writing "glass disposal" on the outside.
- 2) Using a sturdy cardboard box, lined with a thick plastic bag, and writing "glass disposal" on the outside.

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