

Guidelines for Glass Container Recycling in Housing Estates

Introduction

The government has appointed Glass Management Contractors (GMCs) to provide waste glass container collection and treatment services to housing estates in Hong Kong Island (including Islands District), Kowloon and the New Territories regions. The GMC for Hong Kong Island and the New Territories regions is “Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited” while that for Kowloon region is “Hong Kong Glass Reborn Limited”.

Arrangement for Collection of Glass Containers

In general, for districts where Community Green Stations (“CGSs”) have been established, the operators of the CGSs provide glass container collection service to housing estates. For districts where CGSs are yet to be established, collection service is provided directly by GMCs. CGSs and GMCs would provide sufficient amount of glass container recycling bins (See Figures 1-3) according to the needs of individual housing estates. Regular glass container collection service is provided to housing estates in the way of “bin for bin” mode. CGSs and GMCs can also offer extra collection service upon request. Contacts of CGSs and GMCs are provided in the attachment.



Fig. 1 New Recycling Bin*



Fig. 2 Old Recycling Bin*



Fig. 3 Old Recycling Bin*

*New recycling bin for glass containers in Figures 1 will gradually replace the old recycling bin as shown in Figures 2 & 3.

Management of Glass Container Recycling Bin

Good communications of the property management companies with the respective CGSs, GMCs and the relevant related parties are crucial for effective recycling of glass containers in housing estates. These include -

- Liaising with the respective CGSs or GMCs to agree on the number of recycling bins, location of collection point, collection frequency, etc., and reviewing the arrangement regularly to cater for the needs of residents;
- Placing the glass container recycling bins at convenient and prominent locations in housing estates to facilitate residents to participate in glass container recycling;
- Posting notices and posters at appropriate positions in housing estates to inform residents of the locations of recycling bins, and encouraging participation;
- Managing glass container recycling bins properly and, where necessary (e.g. recycling bins getting full), contacting CGSs or GMCs for extra collection services; and

- Providing clear guidelines and training to relevant frontline staff and property cleaning services companies, and transferring recycling bins to the designated points for collection according to the times and dates as agreed. Do not dispose of the materials or articles in the bins.

Glass container recycling bins are government properties and should be collected by designated CGSs or GMCs only. Glass containers collected in the bins are private properties. Any person who tampers with, removes or disposes of any of the materials or articles in the recycling bins without authorisations from the Environmental Protection Department, CGSs or GMCs may be subject to prosecution.

If it comes to your attention of any disposal or attempting disposal of the waste glass containers in the recycling bins at refuse collection points or vehicles, please help stop the disposal and notify the property management companies immediately for following up. Should you have any queries, please contact the Environmental Protection Department at 2838 3111.

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Attachment

Glass Container Recycling Service – Contact Information

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