Guidelines for Glass Container Recycling in Housing Estates

Introduction

The Government has appointed Glass Management Contractors (GMCs) to provide waste glass containers collection and treatment services in all districts across the territory. The GMC for Hong Kong Island (including Islands District) 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 Waste Glass Containers

In general, for districts where Recycling Stations have been established, the operators of the Recycling Stations provide waste glass containers collection service to housing estates. The GMCs than regularly collect and transport the waste glass containers from the Recycling Stations to the processing facility for treatment. For districts where Recycling Stations are yet to be established, collection service is provided directly by GMCs. Recycling Stations and GMCs would provide sufficient number of glass container recycling bins (See Figures 1-3) according to the needs of individual housing estates. Regular collection service is provided to housing estates in the way of "bin for bin" mode. Recycling Stations and GMCs can also offer extra collection service upon request. Contacts of Recycling Stations and GMCs are provided in the attachment.







Fig. 1 Current Design

Fig. 2 Previous Design *

Fig. 3 Previous Design *

Management of Glass Container Recycling Bins

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

- Liaising with the respective Recycling Stations 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 waste glass container recycling;
- Posting notices and posters at appropriate positions in housing estates to inform residents of the locations of glass container recycling bins, encouraging participation in clean recycling, and reminding residents that the recycling bins are only for collection of emptied waste glass containers, instead of other recyclables or waste;
- Managing glass container recycling bins properly and, where necessary (e.g. recycling bins getting full), contacting Recycling Stations or GMCs for collection services;
- 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 waste glass containers collected in the bins;

^{*} The current design in Figure 1 will gradually replace the previous designs in Figures 2 & 3.

- Arranging cleansing service workers of the housing estate to clear other recyclables or waste properly if such items are found inside the glass container recycling bins; and
- Reminding frontline staff and property cleaning services companies (if any) to minimise noise nuisance during handling of waste glass containers.

The glass container recycling bins shown above are government properties. If it comes to your attention of any vandalism/ attempting vandalism of the bins, depositing of waste or other recyclables into the glass container recycling bins, or disposal/ attempting disposal of the waste glass containers collected in the recycling bins at refuse collection points or refuse collection vehicles, please help stop and notify the property management companies immediately for follow-up. For any enquiries, please contact the Environmental Protection Department at 2838 3111.

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Attachment Waste Glass Containers Collection Service – Contact Information

Area	District	Name of Recycling Stations/ GMCs	Hotline	Email and Website
Hong Kong Island and Islands District	Central & Western	Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited	8100 2541	gmc@baguio.com.hk
	Southern			http://gmc.baguio.com.hk/
	Eastern	GREEN@EASTERN	2778 2330	ecgs@poleungkuk.org.hk
	Wan Chai	GREEN@WAN CHAI	2811 1567	greenatwanchai@gmail.com
	Islands	GREEN@ISLANDS	2499 2308	info_iscgs@oiwa.org.hk
Kowloon	Kowloon City Wong Tai Sin Yau Tsim Wong	Hong Kong Glass Reborn Limited	2116 8648 (WhatsApp: 5107 1405)	enquiries@glassreborn.com. hk http://www.glassreborn.com.hk
	Kwun Tong	GREEN@KWUN TONG	2776 5700	kwuntongcgs@cfsc.org.hk
	Sham Shui Po	GREEN@SHAM SHUI PO	2522 4388	sspcgs@poleungkuk.org.hk
The New Territories	North Tsuen Wan	Baguio Waste Management & Recycling Limited	8100 2541	gmc@baguio.com.hk http://gmc.baguio.com.hk/
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