

# RECYCLABLE OF THE MONTH:

**February 2022**

## Glass



### ITEMS:

**Glass - clear, green, & brown**

**EXCLUDE THESE ITEMS:** Drinking glasses, window glass, light bulbs, crystal, Pyrex, pottery, ceramics, porcelain.  
Remove all corks, caps & lids!

**HOW TO RECYCLE:** Bring them to the RDF Household Recycling  
At either end of Recycling Wall, separated by Color

### Thanks to you - Wellesley's success w/Glass Recycling:

Given the increase in glass brought by residents to the RDF, the Town has been able to reduce the cost to recycle glass from \$85 a ton (a year ago) to \$10 a ton (what Wellesley pays today)! We now working w/several outlets.

### RECYCLING FACTS:

- **GLASS recycling is 1 of the simplest ways to help preserve our environment.** It's efficient, sustainable, and saves energy & natural resources!
- A glass bottle, sent to a landfill, takes up to 1 million yrs. to break down. But it only takes ~30 days for a glass bottle to leave your recycling bin and appear on a store shelf as a new glass container!!!
- Glass is 100% infinitely recyclable, without loss in quality or purity!
- For every ton of glass recycled, over a ton of natural resources is saved.
- Yet each year, only 1/3 of the ~10 million metric tons of glass that Americans throw away is recycled. The rest goes to Landfills.
- In the 10 states with laws requiring consumers to pay bottle deposits, 98% of bottles are recycled, compared w/the national average of ~33%.

**2021 was the 50th Anniversary of  
Wellesley's Recycling programs!  
It's 2022 - help us do more!**



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