

Glass can be recycled in the **big purple glass-only recycling bins.**

In the Mount Vernon District, we have one here at the: **Mount Vernon Governmental Center** and one at the **I-95 Landfill.**



Collecting glass separately in a purple container will reduce contamination levels in single-stream recycling. **All colors of clean glass bottles and jars are accepted in the purple containers.** Glass items not accepted include lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, and sheet glass.

This new market for our glass wouldn't be possible without our residents," said John Kellas, solid waste management program director. "They have adjusted their glass recycling habits and are filling up our purple cans almost faster than we can empty them. I appreciate their willingness to participate in the program and their patience as we identify additional drop-off locations and work through the logistics of the new collection routes."

The quality and volume of clean glass resulted in the partnership with Strategic Materials, which is taking the glass before it's crushed by the county's "Big Blue" machine.

"Fairfax County probably has the highest quality of material we've seen in a drop-off program," said Laura Henneman, vice president of marketing and communications for Strategic Materials. "The trial glass load was about 98 to 99 percent usable glass, which is incredible."