

## **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ON GLASS RECYCLING**

The Shire of Kondinin wishes to advise that GLASS is no longer to be placed in recycling bins. From now on glass should be placed in your household general waste bin (green one). Alternatively, glass can be dropped off at the Kondinin and Hyden Waste Transfer Stations in the concrete bunkers provided for this purpose. The Shire is also in the process of locating special glass recycling bins at the Kondinin, Karlgarin and Hyden town recycling depots.

Unfortunately glass recycling opportunities are shrinking with supply far in excess of demand. This is more evident in WA where lack of local markets and high transport costs are a contributing factor. As such, most glass is taken out of the recycling stream by the materials recycling facilities and sent to landfill.

There is the additional problem where broken glass contaminates the other recyclables such as cardboard which then makes that unable to be recycled.

Glass placed in your household general waste bin will be compacted with other waste and will be taken to the Bendinger Landfill. The compaction both in the truck and at the landfill site will partially crush the glass which will reduce the additional space it will take up in the landfill.

Glass placed in the special glass bins at the town recycling depots and in the bunkers at the waste transfer station will be stockpiled for the time being and will either be taken to the Bendinger Landfill site or alternatively the Shire has access to a glass crusher which can be used to reduce the glass down to a fine grade where it could then be used for fill.

Hopefully in the future the situation will change and there will be a viable market for glass again. State Government initiatives such as the container deposit scheme, due to be rolled out in the next two years, may also help to change the future of glass.

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