



# GLASS RECYCLING CHANGES

Effective May 10, 2021



# CITY OF PERRYSBURG & O-I GLASS PARTNERSHIP

- The City of Perrysburg is proud to be partnering with O-I Glass to offer an opportunity for local residents and businesses to recycle their glass (bottle and jars) packaging.
  - We want to preserve glass recycling:
    - Preserving glass provides a cleaner stream for glass to be recycled.
    - Glass recycling is also a necessary part of reducing our environmental impact.
    - Glass recycling provides jobs, which benefits the entire Perrysburg community.
  - The City has set up three locations to collect glass:
    - O-I Glass, 1890 Wilkinson Way (Wood and Lucas County Residents)
    - Public Service, 11980 Roachton Road (City Residents Only)
    - Public Utilities, 211 East Boundary Street (City Residents Only)



# ADVANTAGES OF GLASS RECYCLING

- Glass collected here, in Perrysburg, will be locally recycled into new glass packaging through the O-I facilities in Ohio.
- Glass can be recycled over and over again without loss of purity or quality.
- Glass recycling also conserves energy, emissions and natural resources.
  - Glass recycled locally will make a difference locally for both the environment and the economy.
  - Recycling glass improves the environmental footprint and reduces the energy needed to melt the raw materials.
- Recycling 1,000 tons of glass supports eight jobs in the economy.



# WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GLASS THAT I RECYCLE?



- This video from O-I Glass will introduce you to the glass recycling process: <https://bit.ly/3tc1dWD>

# WHY THE CHANGE IN GLASS RECYCLING?

- Overall, there has been a steady increase in the investment needed to recycle since 2017. The investment has risen from \$11 per ton in 2013 to an average of \$117 per ton in 2020.
- Due to supply and demand, the glass collected curbside has been reused for construction of roads at the landfill used by Republic, our recycling provider. The glass was not recycled into new glass products.
- Other recyclables have also been contaminating the glass (i.e. plastic and paper)
  - Inefficiencies created by single-stream recycling, combined with antiquated sorting equipment results in contamination of many recyclables, resulting in valuable raw materials being diverted to the landfill and increased tipping fees for Perrysburg.
- O-I approached the City with an option to accept glass for recycling at little to no investment to the City.



# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO THIS CHANGE?

- In 2020, the City collected 1,347.41 tons of recycling curbside. Of that total tonnage, 229 tons was glass. That is approximately 17% of the weight of curbside recycling.
- By switching to drop-off glass recycling, the City will save those fees associated with recycling glass.
- This investment in drop-off glass recycling will:
  - Assist in allowing the City to maintain programs within the refuse and recycling program (carry out carry back, unlimited weekly pickup, large item collection);
  - Provide a cleaner stream of glass recycling;
  - Improve the overall environmental footprint;
  - Provide jobs in the community.



# HOW ARE OUR REFUSE AND RECYCLING PROGRAMS FUNDED?

- The curbside recycling program was originally designed to be a self-sufficient process between utilizing refuse levy funds and monies received from selling the recycled products.
- Over the past decade the financial investment to collect refuse and curbside recycling has dramatically increased for a variety of reasons, many outside the City's control.
- Today, the refuse and recycling that is collected is funded about 50% by the refuse levy and 50% by city income taxes.
- The reduction in investment from the recycling program will assist in allowing the City to maintain programs within the refuse and recycling program and continue to be good stewards of the environment by recycling clean glass into new glass.



# WHEN WILL THIS CHANGE GO INTO EFFECT?

- The switch from curbside glass recycling to drop-off glass recycling was announced on April 22, 2021.
- Residents who have curbside Toter collection will receive an informational postcard in the mail with details about the changes in curbside recycling.
- Residents are asked to follow the new glass recycling procedures beginning **May 10**.





# HOW DO RESIDENTS RECYCLE GLASS?

- There are three drop-off glass recycling locations in the City
  - **O-I Glass Recycling Drop-Off Center**
    - (available to all residents and businesses)
    - 1890 Wilkinson Way (behind Levis Commons)
    - Available daily dawn to dusk
  - **Department of Public Service Glass Recycling Drop-Off**
    - (available to city residents)
    - 11980 Roachton Road
    - Available Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)
  - **Department of Public Utilities Glass Recycling Drop-Off**
    - (available to city residents)
    - 211 East Boundary Street
    - Available Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)



# WHAT IF I CHOOSE NOT TO USE THE GLASS DROP-OFF RECYCLING LOCATIONS?

- To maximize environmental impact, you should make all efforts to recycle.
- If you do not wish to take your glass to one of the three locations, you may place your glass bottles and jars in your gray refuse Toter, which will result in the glass being diverted to the landfill.



# WHO MAY USE THE GLASS RECYCLING DROP-OFFS?

- **O-I Glass Recycling Drop-Off Center**
  - Available to all Wood County residents and businesses
- **Department of Public Service and Department of Public Utilities Glass Recycling Drop-Off**
  - Available to City residents
- All glass taken to these three locations will be recycled into new glass bottles and jars.



# O-I GLASS RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

1890 Wilkinson Way  
(behind Levis Commons)



- Available daily dawn to dusk

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE GLASS RECYCLING DROP-OFF 11980 Roachton Road



Available Monday through Friday  
7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
excluding holidays



# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GLASS RECYCLING DROP-OFF 211 East Boundary Street



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# WHAT GLASS IS ACCEPTED AT THE GLASS RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS?

- Glass items accepted include:
  - All colors of glass bottles, jars and containers which held food or beverage
    - Beer, wine, spirits and non-alcoholic beverage bottles
    - Food glass jars
    - Glass drinking glasses
- Glass items NOT accepted
  - Computer and TV screens
  - Heat resistant glass (Corelle, Pyrex...)
  - Light bulbs
  - Mirrors
  - Solar panels



# HOW DO I PREPARE GLASS FOR RECYCLING?

- Labels may remain on bottles and jars
- All colors of glass accepted
- Make certain all bottles and jars are empty of food and beverage
- Remove caps, lids and corks
  - Caps and lids may be placed in your blue recycle Toter
  - Place all corks in your gray refuse Toter





# HOW DO I KNOW WHAT GOES IN MY BLUE RECYCLE TOTER?

- All residents who have curbside refuse and recycle Toters will be mailed an informational postcard about changes in glass recycling.
- This spring, volunteers will apply informational stickers to all city-issued refuse and recycle Toters.
- Recycle Toter stickers indicate which items are accepted for curbside recycling with a reminder of NO glass and NO plastic bags.
- Refuse Toter stickers will indicate what items are NOT collected in the gray refuse Toter.



# WHAT IF I PLACE GLASS IN MY RECYCLE TOTER?

- Unfortunately, due to changes made in the City recycling program, glass placed in the recycling Toter will be diverted to the landfill.
- Postcards will be sent to addresses that have glass or plastic bags in the recycle Toter as a reminder that those items should be placed in the gray refuse Toter.
- If a household repeatedly places glass in their recycle Toter, the City will be following up with corrective procedures.



# WHERE CAN I FIND INFORMATION AND UPDATES?

- City social media outlets will be utilized to educate residents about recycling updates.
  - Facebook: @CityofPerrysburg
  - Twitter: @PerrysburgGov
- The monthly Department of Public Service newsletter will post the glass tonnages at the City recycling drop-off locations to track our progress in glass recycling.
- The Department of Public Service monthly newsletter also will have updates on other pertinent recycling issues. The current Department of Public Service newsletter is posted on the City's website and social media channels. Past newsletters are also available on the City website.



# ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS...

- Contact the Department of Public Service:
  - Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at 419.872.8020
  - Email: [publicservice@ci.perrysburg.oh.us](mailto:publicservice@ci.perrysburg.oh.us)

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