



Public Works Department: Recycling Center

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The Manitowoc County Recycling Center will now accept loads of glass bottles and jars that are mixed colors. This change should benefit some municipal drop off sites that collect glass separately and transport it to our facility.

Previously, we only accepted glass bottles and jars sorted into clear, brown, and green/blue. This was done to keep expenses low and ensure the recycled glass was available for being made into more glass bottles. Thanks to changes at the facilities that process our glass, separation by color is no longer necessary.

Mixed glass only refers to glass bottles and jars, there is still concern about non-bottle glass as a contaminate. Most of the glass loads we receive are fairly clean and we appreciate the efforts made to keep it this way. Items like window glass, porcelain, Pyrex, mirrors, and ceramics can cause issues with the glass recycling process. While these items may “seem” like the same material as glass bottles, they are different, and should go in your trash.



Thank you,

Jon Reisenbuechler