

Recycling or Disposal of Windows and Doors

DIY Project. You may be able to find a project online that you can do yourself to reuse your windows or doors. Pinterest is a great site for ideas.

Donate to Charity Depending on the condition, make, and model of your second-hand windows and doors, you may be able to donate them to a charity that helps construct homes for the less fortunate.

Buy and sell. Try selling unwanted windows or doors with a local buy and sell. Someone may be interested in your unwanted windows or doors for a project of their own.

Recycling Depot. Check with local recycling depots to see if they can recycle your unwanted windows and doors or suggest someone in your area that can. Some companies accept broken glass and use it to make asphalt or other building materials.

Landfill. Check with your local landfill to see if they will accept your unwanted windows and doors.

Some installation experts will include the cost of old window removal and disposal in the quote. Ask your installer if they provide this service and what will be done with the replaced windows and doors.

Recycling Glass

DO NOT put broken glass in with regular garbage

Large, pointy chunks of glass in a garbage bag can be hazardous. You could poke, scrape or seriously injure yourself when taking out the trash. If you are going to throw broken glass in the garbage, *always* make sure you first crush it up into tiny pieces.

Safety Tips

1. Wrap glass pieces in multiple layers of newspaper, heavy cloth or towel.
2. Using a hammer, gently break the pieces into small chunks (and wear safety glasses while you do this).
3. Place the crushed-up glass in a shoebox or similar container. Duct-tape the box shut, and label it "Caution – Broken Glass."
4. Place curb side for pick up with cardboard and other recyclables.

DO NOT Recycle with bottle and jars

Glass used to make bottles is specially designed for recycling treatment. Depending on whether your window glass is tinted, tempered, or safety glass, it may require a different temperature to melt.