

WHY CUT GLASS?

A Letter to Our Recyclers:

In no way is Frederick County the first community forced to make the decision to end its glass recycling program. Glass is heavy and difficult to transport. Once it reaches market, most of its little economic value is consumed by transportation costs.

In the past, the cost of recycling the county's glass was offset by the local recycler from the money he was paid for selling other commodities such as paper, cardboard and metals. Prices paid for all of these commodities have fallen sharply over the past several years and our recycler is no longer willing to process our glass without a significant price hike. We believe it would be fiscally irresponsible to continue down this path.

Our decision was not made lightly. We share in your disappointment. This is the first time that the county's recycling program has curtailed services. With your participation and support, we've expanded the program to include cardboard, electronics, scrap metal, light tubes, household batteries, shoes and textiles. In no way are we giving up on glass by asking you to throw it in your trash. We still believe in its value and our ability to find another market or alternative use.

We ask that you continue to support conservation measures such as the recycling program as you always have and stand with us as we search for a new home for our glass.

