



Glass Recycling Coalition Launches MRF Glass Certification

Certification recognizes MRFs taking extra steps to clean up glass

ANN ARBOR, MI (September 16, 2019) –According to a [2018 industry survey](#), more than 27% of material recovery facilities (MRFs) have glass clean-up equipment. The [Glass Recycling Coalition \(GRC\)](#), a collaborative glass recycling organization, is launching the [MRF Glass Certification](#) to recognize effective programs.

"The long-term goal is to encourage and produce quality glass products that are viable in the glass container market or other beneficial reuse applications and not in a landfill," said Tom Outerbridge, Sims Municipal Recycling.

The free certification program recognizes MRFs with additional equipment and operational procedures to clean up glass in both single- and dual-stream systems that are producing more marketable and higher quality glass.

GRC's website currently hosts an [interactive map](#) showing MRFs, glass processors, and end-markets across the country. GRC certified MRFs will be noted on this map along with public recognition of this certification through traditional and social media.

The glass certification criteria are judged on current infrastructure and a glass purity measure. An independent committee will score certification levels into gold, silver, and bronze certifications. MRFs holding this certification will have a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

According to the GRC, glass is endlessly recyclable and residents view it as a core recyclable. The organization believes this certification will highlight the importance of MRFs role in successful glass recycling.

Learn more about the Glass Recycling Coalition and apply for MRF Glass Certification at www.glassrecycles.org.

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The Glass Recycling Coalition (GRC) brings together a diverse membership of nearly [40 companies](#) and organizations representing glass container and fiberglass manufacturers, brands that use glass to showcase their products, haulers, processors, material recovery facilities and end-markets to make glass recycling work. Established in April 2016, GRC is a non-competitive coalition of U.S. value chain members involved in glass recycling and dedicated to supporting the most accessible and viable glass recovery and recycling options for consumers. The coalition encourages financially sustainable mechanisms that produce quality cullet and strengthen glass markets. For more information, visit www.glassrecycles.org or contact info@glassrecycles.org.