TGRC
PRESENTATION
2013

THE GLASS
RECYCLING
COMPANY • • •



The Glass Recycling Company

- •Established as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in May 2005 between national government, glass manufacturers, fillers and glass recyclers
- Commenced operation in July 2006





Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DEAT

Core deliverables are:

- •Promote public awareness about the re-use and recycling of glass containers in South Africa through education, marketing and awareness campaigns
- •Improve used glass container and cullet recoveries through capacity building
- Commit to income generating opportunities in formal and informal sectors
- Establishment of entrepreneurs and transfer of skills to HDSAs (historically disadvantaged South Africans)
- Social upliftment through poverty alleviation



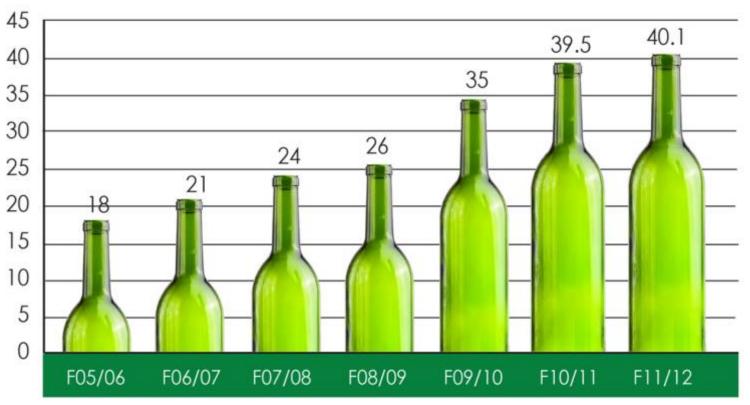
the Glass Industry

The new glass production is 1M tons p.a.

- Recycling rate increased from 18% to +/-40%
 - all glass packaging not beverage only
 - More than 338000 tons recycled p.a.
- Returnable Bottle System : (Re-Use)
 - Very sophisticated returnable bottle systems
 - If there was no returnable bottle system an additional 2.1M tons of glass would be required p.a.
- Thus a total diversion from landfill (recycled volume & returnable saving) is more than 2.4M ton p.a.
- Light-weight bottle designs (Reduce)
- 40% of every bottle is recycled glass (Recycle)

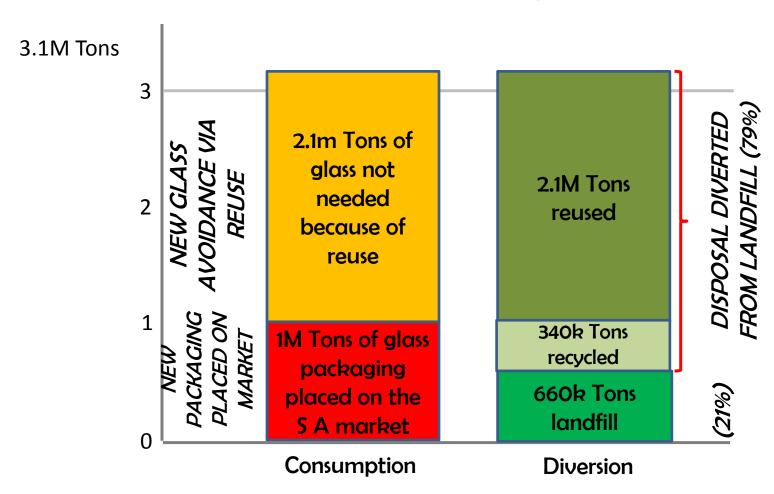


Recycling Rate %





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this is why we do it

The recycling of glass:

- Benefits the environment by minimizing the consumption of raw materials and thereby alleviate pressure on natural resources
- Energy saving
- Helps create a better, safer and cleaner South Africa for everyone
- Provides a source of income to thousands of unemployed people
- Prevents waste glass from entering landfills THE GLASS

capacity building

- Assist entrepreneurs and buy-back centres with primary glass collection infrastructure and transfer of skills and knowledge
- Job creation in formal and informal sectors. TGRC pursues opportunities to help individuals to create a source of income
- Social upliftment through poverty alleviation
- To facilitate post consumer glass recycling through the placement of glass banks for communities



principles & collection methodology

Key Principles

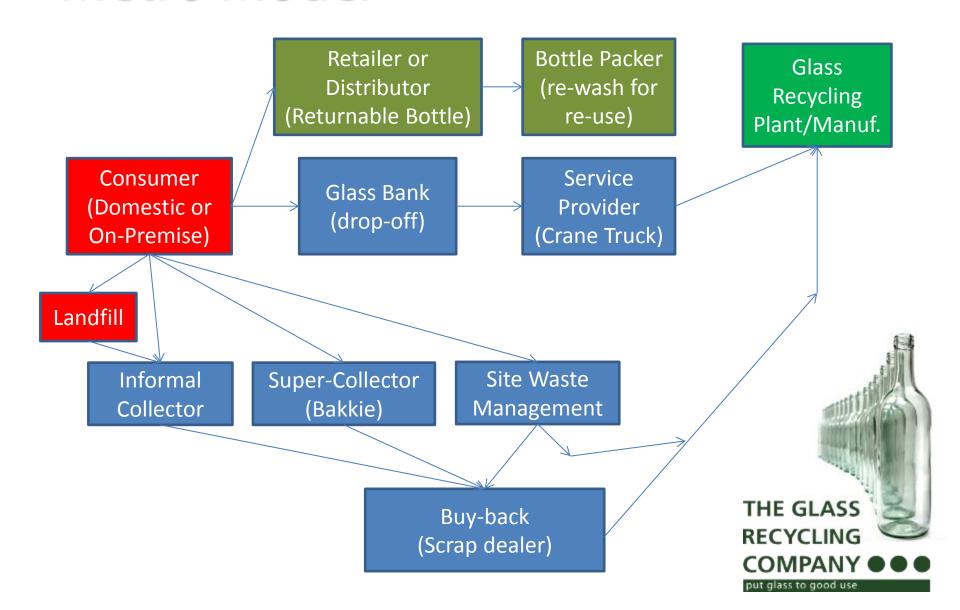
- Separate recyclables at source or as early as possible in waste stream
- Glass is our focus but all recyclables must be collected

Methods of Collections

- Buy-back centres
- Glass Bank drop-off point for people who care
- Collector entrepreneur businesses
 - Estates or complexes
 - Hospitality industry
 - Curb side collection



Metro Model



achievements to date

- Increased national glass recycling awareness to all South Africans
- Placed more than 2000 glass banks
- More than 1 600 entrepreneur projects supported
- Income generation opportunities created more than 30 000
- Support projects in urban plus rural areas
- National footprint



way forward

- Continue to increase awareness amongst South Africans through continued communication of the benefits of recycling glass
- Opportunities to increase the number of businesses in the glass recycling industry – by assisting more entrepreneurs
- Create more income opportunities for the unemployed through collection of glass

 Separation at Source is critical to increase all recycling and is best done through

PPP's















































SO....

Get off your glass and recycle!

Thank you

