



glass recycling in Germany



close the
glass loop

Key figures



84% of glass packaging was collected for recycling in Germany in 2020.

31.2 kg is the average amount of glass collected per capita.



Economic and legal incentives



Landfill ban
on untreated waste



Pay as You Throw (PAYT)
covers 100% of the country.
The PAYT schemes differ across the country

90%

**Glass collection
for recycling target**
set in the Packaging Act
from 2022 onwards

Glass collection



The collection system

is decided by a relevant PRO* in agreement with a municipality.

3 years is the duration of a contract for collection.



90% of glass containers is collected through glass banks.

Colour separation of the collected glass.



DRS* covers one-way glass packaging for mineral water, soft drinks and beer.

*PRO - packaging recovery organisation

*DRS - deposit return system