



glass recycling in the United Kingdom

Key figures



76% of glass packaging
was recycled in the United
Kingdom in 2020*.



27 kg is the average
amount of glass recycled
per capita.

*UK collects detailed data on actual recycling only. The estimated collection for recycling amounted to approx. 77% in 2019.

Economic and legal incentives



Regional landfill ban

Scotland: source-separated waste
N. Ireland: separately collected food waste



Landfill tax

96.70 GBP/t
(about 110 EUR/t)

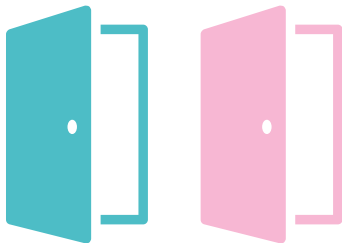
Glass collection



The collection, sorting and selling of glass waste to recyclers is organised by local authorities. It can be outsourced to private waste management companies.

Tradeable certificates

are issued by recyclers for each tonne of packaging material. They are bought by PROs*. Their value fluctuates and is market based.



60% of glass collection is door-to-door.

60% of door-to-door collections are collected co-mingled.



89.8% is the collection rate for Wales. In Wales, glass packaging waste is collected through separated kerbside collections.

*PRO - packaging recovery organisation