

Why isn't glass recycled in Pocatello?



The reasons glass is not recycled in Pocatello are relatively clear.

- The weight of glass makes it cost-prohibitive to transport to the proper facilities.
- Boise makes use of a mix called "glassphalt" which uses ground glass in road bed material, but the temperature variations in our area make the use of "glassphalt" impractical.
- As a comparison, it actually costs more to recycle glass than it does to turn sand into glass.
- As an alternative to recycling glass, there is always the option to reuse it; for example, glass jars can be used as food storage and drinking glasses while glass bottles can be reused as liquid/drink storage.