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## **Fulton County's Recycling Program Suspends Glass Recycling**

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019** On Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 during their regular session, the Fulton County Commissioners resolved to suspend glass collections as a part of the Fulton County Recycling Program at all current and future drop off sites and other facilities and establishments in Fulton County. This suspension is effective October 1, 2019.

Ziad Musallam, Director of Public Utilities for Fulton County said that over the past five years, the glass recycling market has been on the decline and has reached a zero-recyclable level through Fulton County's recycling program. "Since glass products are not being recycled, they are instead being collected and moved to the County's Transfer Station for disposal as solid waste," states Musallam. "The cost of glass disposal has been paid for through the Transfer Station operation fund without the ability to charge the glass products and/or items generators for disposal." Fulton County receives approximate 3.5 tons per week from recycling drop offs at Triangular Processing and other locations throughout the county. The cost of disposal based on the 2019 solid waste price is estimated to be \$12,740.00 (182.00 ton per year).

Musallam stated that the suspension will remain effective until viable and feasible glass recycling market options become available for the Fulton County Recycling Program.

Fulton County provides the residents and businesses the opportunity to recycle, litter prevention and overall reduction for the county's solid waste generation as part of the Joint Solid Waste Management District. They contract with the Fulton County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide residents with proper disposal options for items that are generally considered inappropriate for municipal solid waste disposal facilities.

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