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Green Committee Looks at Residential Glass Recycling Options

Waste Pro offers glass recycling as part of its weekly residential pickup service. However, because of the way it's collected, glass is sometimes broken and gets mixed in with other recycled items and as result, the load is contaminated.

As a way to address the problem, the city's Green Committee is looking into how the city can improve residential glass recycling so that contaminated loads don't end up in the landfill. Please note Waste Pro will continue picking up glass in your recycling containers on Mondays as part of its service.

Waste Pro spokesman Bob Wolk, who attended the Green Committee's Jan. 5 meeting, said there are several ways the city could promote glass recycling such as setting up a separate pickup route or establishing glass-only drop off locations. He said the biggest challenge with glass is keeping it clean because glass that is not separated gets contaminated with food or other materials and then cannot be recycled.

Wolk said about 56 percent of Peachtree Corners residents currently recycle with Waste Pro. The Green Committee will revisit the issue at its April meeting.

About the Green Committee:

The Peachtree Corners Green Committee serves to enhance and preserve the city's natural and built environments. The committee provides citizens, businesses, the mayor and council information necessary to make sound environmental decisions. Its focus areas are: tree canopy, trails and open space, streams, waste management, energy conservation, and city beautification.