

Join First Church's Glass Recycling Program Today!

Welcome to Janet McMillan, the newest member of First UMC's glass recycling program! She joined the team on Earth Day 2022!

Our glass recycling is a collaborative effort between First Church's Green Team, the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative and Recycling Works. Every jar, bottle, cup and vase collected is reused!

Glass is 100 percent recyclable. The glass we recycle through First Church is reused by businesses in Salt Lake City that make decking, road construction material, insulation, and new bottles and jars.

Our program accepts all colors and types of glass. Just rinse out the bottle or jar, remove the lid or cork, and deposit it in one of our recycling bins. The gray and red receptacles line the east fence behind the Missoula Symphony office, next door to the church. They're accessible from the alley, 24 hours a day, and are emptied every other week. We can add more bins as we add more recyclers!

The cost is \$5 per family per month. As we increase our participation, we'll be able to reduce that cost, even while adding recycling bins. To enroll in the program, call or email Sherry Devlin at 406-546-1016 or sherrydevlin@gmail.com.

Remember: Glass takes more than 4,000 years to decompose – even longer when it's buried in a landfill. But there's no need for glass to ever reach the landfill. It can be reused over and over again. In fact, you should always look for glass alternatives to plastic bottles – as almost no plastic is recycled, despite the collection bins you see around town. That plastic may leave

Missoula, but it virtually always ends up in a landfill elsewhere or dumped into the ocean. So use 100 percent recyclable glass!