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New recycling program aims to reduce glass waste at DEN

Recycled glass will be used to make new bottles, construction material and art supplies

DENVER – July 26, 2018 – Denver International Airport (DEN) is strengthening its commitment to environmental stewardship with a new recycling program that will capture more glass waste from the airport’s restaurants, bars and lounges.

DEN is working with Clear Intentions, a local glass recycling company, to make it easier for restaurants and bars at the airport to keep discarded glass out of the landfill.

Businesses at DEN have always been encouraged to recycle; however, moving heavy bins to designated recycling areas can be burdensome for restaurant and bar staff who struggle to safely lift, move and unload the materials.

A contractor who specializes in glass recycling will now regularly visit DEN restaurants, bars and lounges to collect and move bins of discarded bottles down from the concourse level and safely unload the materials in designated areas.

Roughly 30 airport businesses will benefit from the service and the number is expected to rise as more food and beverage offerings are planned in the coming years.

“Our commitment to sustainability remains a top priority as we continue expanding and adding passenger amenities,” said DEN CEO Kim Day. “The new glass recycling program will make it easier for our food and beverage partners to help reduce the airport’s environmental impact now and in the future.”

DEN began developing the recycling program after an assessment of the airport’s trash stream identified additional ways that DEN could further reduce the amount of recyclable materials that ended up in the landfill. The assessment showed that the airport could divert up to an estimated 400 tons of glass per year from the landfill with enhanced methods of collection.

The glass that is collected from businesses at DEN will be used to make new bottles, aggregate material for the construction industry and arts and craft supplies.

Visit FlyDenver.com for more information about DEN’s commitment to environmental stewardship.

About Clear Intentions:

[Clear Intentions](#) is a millennial woman owned and operated glass recycling processor that started from the passion of helping the environment by creating sustainable business solutions in 2014. Clear Intentions is based in Denver and offers glass recycling services and recycled glass products to a broad range of industries, including food and entertainment, municipalities, construction, infrastructure, and manufacturing.

Denver International Airport is the fifth-busiest airport in the United States. With more than 61 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world’s largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information, check us out on [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#).
