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## GLASS RECYCLING TO BE DISCONTINUED SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

The City of Prescott has been recycling glass for over 15 years. During this time recycling glass has become very challenging to say the least. When we first started the program there were many vendors who wanted the glass and could make a profit from it.

About 8 years ago the City was faced with a challenge to stop recycling glass or to buy a glass pulverizer and crush the glass into sand like material. This process worked for a few years with great success and we were able to create a small market for the material. At one point we were able to ship the material to California as they were buying as much material as they could get their hands on.

About three years ago the market for glass bottomed out and has remained unprofitable. The City of Prescott has tried everything within our means to use this glass and to be as innovative as possible. Our last effort to utilize the recycled bi-product was unsuccessful. We have continued to collect the glass at a rate of 25 to 30 tons a month from the tri-city area, with no practical means of reuse or disposal.

One of the biggest problems is that post-consumer glass is an un-wanted commodity that no longer has any value. The City is currently storing 300 tons of un-crushed glass that we are not sure how to manage or process.

With the new bill deregulating commercial refuse collection in the City, the Solid Waste divisions will no longer going to be able to subsidize unprofitable programs such as glass recycling. Glass is currently costing the City an average of \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year to collect, pulverize, and to process.

We strongly believe in recycling here in Field Operations having found ways to recycle almost all recyclable material that enter the Transfer Station. Glass is a product that is no longer a valued commodity and is costing the Solid Waste division thousands of dollars to collect, store, and process.

With regrets, the City announces suspension of the glass recycling program until such time as a sustainable recycling option comes forward.