



Glass recycling figures jump by 18 per cent

The Glass Packaging Forum says recycling efforts are hitting new heights in New Zealand.

Over the past 12 months, nearly 110,000 tonnes of glass containers were recycled, an increase of 18 per cent over the previous year, or equivalent to an additional 17,000 tonnes of glass being collected around the country.

Forum chairman, David Carter, says 53 per cent of glass consumed here was being recycled into new glass containers in New Zealand or offshore, or for increasing use in building or construction projects close to where the glass was recovered.

The latest figures could be attributed to the major efforts made by local authorities in collecting the glass, combined with the joint efforts of industry, recycling operators, and community collectors in finding economically viable alternative uses for the glass.

The latest results did not include glass which was awaiting crushing by a mobile glass crusher that the Forum had recently purchased, or by other community crusher operators.