

Recycling Assessment Methodology (RAM)



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Is your glass packaging glass classed as green under the EPR Recycling Assessment Methodology (RAM)?

Under the Recyclability Assessment Methodology (RAM), every packaging component is assessed and given a Red, Amber, or Green (RAG) recyclability rating.

A green-rated RAM means the packaging is widely recyclable, easy for the system to handle, and therefore earns lower pEPR fees due to its strong circularity performance.

Because green-rated items are the easiest to recycle, they receive reduced modulation fees under pEPR.

Government guidance confirms that RAM ratings directly affect disposal fees: green-rated packaging results in lower compliance costs.

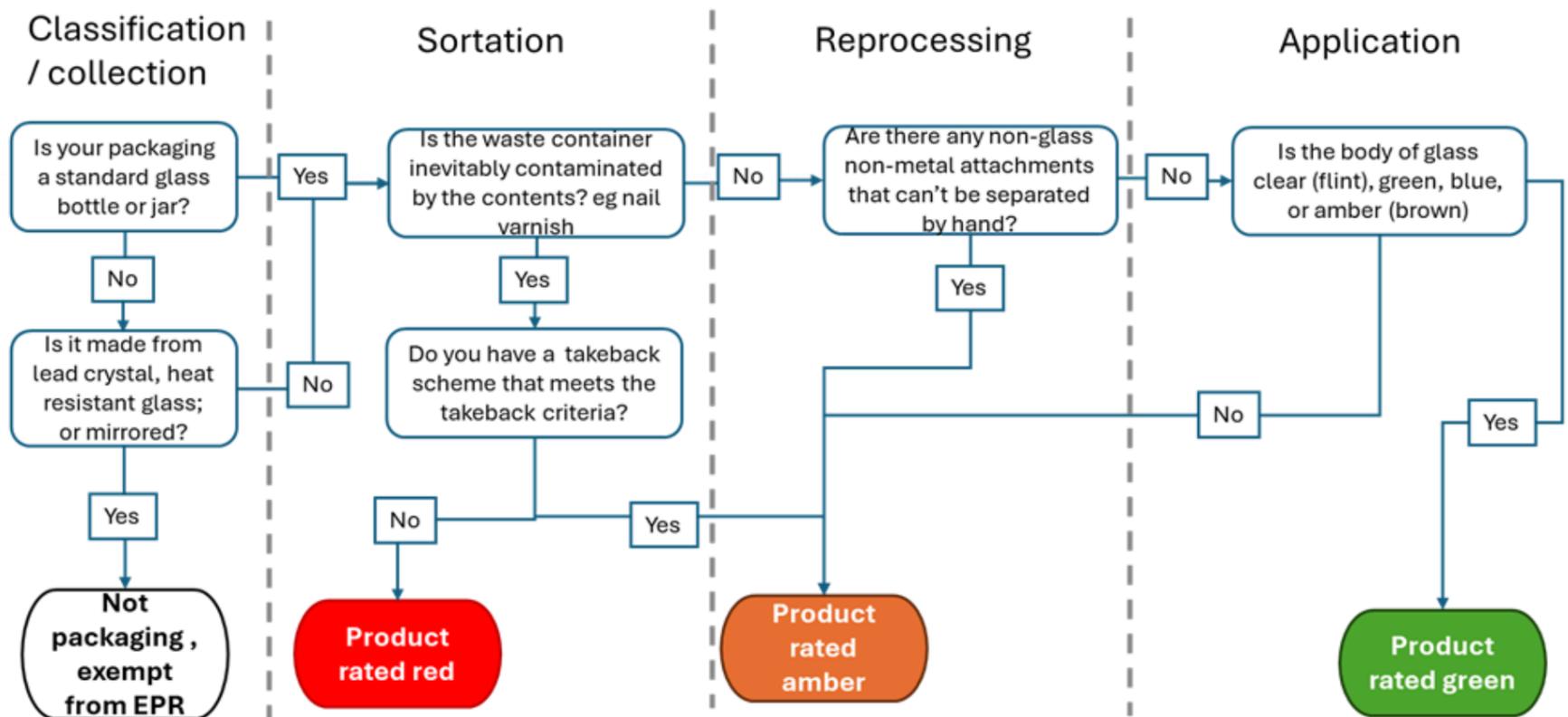
Your glass packaging will rate green if it:

- Is a bottle or jar
- Is made from clear, green, brown or blue glass, regardless of its opacity (and not lead crystal, heat-resistant, decorative like a vase etc).
- Has no other non-glass attachments or inserts that cannot be separated by hand, such as pumps or dispensers and ceramic swing tops. This does not apply to attached labels and metal attachments such as screw-top skirts or collars.
- And is not irrevocably contaminated by the products (eg nail varnish)

NB lids are not counted as attachments; however, aluminium and steel lids are also rated as green.



RAM flowchart for glass



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Red	Amber	Green >90%
		
<p>Non-packaging glass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead crystal • Vase • Pyrex • Mirrored glass <p>Glass packaging contaminated by contents eg. nail varnish (if no takeback scheme)</p>	<p>Non-glass, non-metal attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceramic swing tops • Non-glass elements • Ceramic swing top <p>Black/red/other glass bottles/jars</p> <p>Glass packaging contaminated by contents eg. Nail Varnish bottles (if takeback scheme)</p>	<p>All standard bottles and jars of green, flint, blue and amber colours with and without metal skirts/collars.</p> <p>With and without labels.</p> <p>With and without plastic wrapping.</p> <p>With or without coatings.</p>

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