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Operation Green Team and Alabama Glass Recyclers Announce Program to Boost Glass Recycling

80 Businesses Can Request Service at No Cost

Huntsville, AL --- The City of Huntsville's Operation Green Team and Alabama Glass Recyclers announced a partnership program to encourage more business participation in glass recycling. Alabama Glass Recyclers has reduced the one-time account set up fee from \$50 to \$25 for the next 80 businesses that generate around 200 pounds or more of waste glass each week.

To give the program a bit more of a boost, Operation Green Team will pay the \$25 fee which offsets the costs of collection bins provided for recycling.

"We are aware that some businesses have not been able to recycle their glass due to the set-up fee," Joy McKee, director of Operation Green Team, stated. "When you consider that this program will result in at least 8 tons of glass each week being recycled from only 80 businesses which means more than 832,000 pounds per year the math is convincing."

Alabama Glass Recyclers provides a simple worksheet for business owners to estimate how much glass they are currently throwing away.

In addition to lowering overall disposal cost by eliminating glass from dumpsters and reclaiming glass that can be used again, Charlie Matthews, vice president for marketing of Alabama Glass Recyclers & RivaStone Surfaces, said, "Businesses will be recognized by being listed as a recycling partner on the company's website and in other promotions they do."

Increasing glass recycling can also result in more jobs available.

"The more glass we collect, the more people we can move off the unemployment rolls," Matthews added.

Since opening its doors, formerly as Green Mountain Glass, Alabama Glass Recyclers has hired 19 employees who were either unemployed or underemployed.

Alabama Glass Recyclers, Inc. collects waste glass throughout Huntsville and Madison County and uses it to produce RivaStone™ recycled glass countertops which are manufactured here in Huntsville and distributed throughout the southeastern U.S. The company also makes RivaScape™ landscape cover which is sold at retail outlets throughout Huntsville and Madison County and glass cullet which is used as an ingredient in high gloss and reflective paint.

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