

**Enviro-Tip of the Week: Glasses Reuse Versus Recycling.**

Many optometrists' offices and stores selling glasses have boxes for donations of eye glasses. Glasses donated in drop boxes are either reused or recycled, but either way, they help people in need.

Donations in programs affiliated with Lions Clubs are destined for their reuse program, involving tremendous volunteer commitments to fix, test, categorize, transport, and match glasses to people in need, often in distant locations.

Other local donation programs are usually affiliated with the non-profit "One Sight." They send glasses to ReSpecs in Los Angeles, which restores valuable vintage models for resale, sends the most easily reusable pairs to charities such as the Lions, but recycles the vast majority of over a million frames they receive yearly, according to their web site. Much of the funds from this recycling also support glasses for the needy, but the charity funds the manufacture of made-to-order glasses instead of reusing and matching prescription lenses.

*More info:*

<https://onesight.org/faqs/>

[http://www.lionsinsight.org/?page\\_id=97](http://www.lionsinsight.org/?page_id=97)

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/how-we-serve/health/sight/eyeglass-recycling.php>

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