

environmental initiatives at **interstyle**

Unique and beautiful glass tile from recycled glass

Finding innovative uses for reclaimed and waste stream materials has always been a cornerstone of Interstyle's product development process. As a manufacturer of ceramic tiles in the early 80's, Interstyle salvaged containers of broken glass which were turned into glazes and some of the first glass tiles.

As production of glass tile increased, a growing quantity of our post-industrial waste was rerouted to produce new products. Making use of cut-offs and mismatched die lots became an integral part of the production of some of our most popular mosaic tile product lines, while other salvaged glass was crushed and cast in molds by our product designers to create some of the most unique tile products—*made entirely from recycled glass*

Aquarius (top left): colored glass gems suspended in a clear glass tile. Aquarius glass tiles offer a unique blend of color and texture within a glossy finish glass tile. Available in 20 colors and 3 sizes - 2" x 2", 4" x 4" and 1 1/4" x 8".

Agates (bottom left): lustrous glass pebbles with hand blended colors that give the cabochons subtle color variations. Available in 20 translucent colors and meshed sets of 4" x 4", 6" x 6", 3" x 12", 4" x 12", 6" x 12" and 12" x 12".

River Crystals (bottom right): random shaped translucent glass pieces that have the appearance of smooth tumbled rocks. The colors are randomly distributed within each piece to give the visual effect of depth. Available in 10 colors and meshed sets of 4" x 4", 4" x 12" and 12" x 12".

The use of these and other Interstyle products may assist in reducing the environmental impact of a construction project and support the project in earning LEED points. A specific combination of Interstyle products and project location may qualify for LEED points in the Material Resource category for Credit 4.1 and 4.2 for Recycled Content, and Credit 5.1 and 5.2 for Regional Manufacturing.

Our goal : minimizing environmental impact

Each stage of our manufacturing and materials handling has been reviewed to ensure that waste is minimized, that any reusable materials are recycled and that energy conservation measures are in place.

Other examples of the environmental procedures in place include:

- Recycling water from glazing production in a closed loop water system
- Using heat from kiln exhaust for drying of bisque and coatings
- Using packing materials that contain a high percentage of recycled materials
- Reusing incoming packing materials