

TEMPERED GLASS SHELVING – WHAT TO CONSIDER



When choosing glass shelves, **3/8" clear tempered glass** is a popular option for its strength and sleek appearance. To give you a general reference, a 24-inch wide 3/8" tempered glass shelf can typically support **up to 200 lbs**—making it suitable for many residential and light commercial applications.

That said, there are a few important factors to consider before finalizing your selection:

1. Support Matters

- The strength of the glass is only one part of the equation. The type of **hardware or bracket system** used to support the shelf plays a critical role in load-bearing performance.

2. Bowing Under Heavy Loads

- Even though 3/8" glass is strong, it may **bow slightly under very heavy weight**, which can be unsettling to some clients. If you anticipate a high load or need a longer shelf span, we may recommend **upgrading to 1/2" glass** for added rigidity.

3. Aesthetic & Safety Considerations

- Tempered glass is designed to be much stronger and safer than regular glass. In the rare event it breaks, it crumbles into small, less dangerous pieces rather than sharp shards.

If you're unsure which thickness or setup is best for your needs, we're happy to help you evaluate the application and recommend the best option for safety and durability.