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We have investigated the novel debris-free in-air laser dicing technology for glass. The target wafer was a soda lime glass and a Pyrex glass with the thickness of 1mm. Our technology combines two processes, which was a dicing guide fabrication and a wafer separation process. First process was an internal transformation using a fundamental wavelength of a Ti-Sapphire laser or a Nd-YAG laser. The pulse width of each laser was 100fs and 10ns, The threshold energy for the internal transformation (NA-0.7 focusing) was 3μJ and 65μJ, respectively. The second process was a thermally-induced crack propagation using CO₂ laser or a mechanical bending separation by pressing a blade. The internal transformation fabricated in first process worked sufficiently as the guide of separation, the dicing line completely followed the internal transformation. The diced cross-section was sharp and free chipping. In addition, neither debris nor damages were found on the surface after laser dicing.