

Scrap Metal



What is considered scrap metal?

Any non-ferrous or ferrous item that is predominantly metal is considered scrap metal. Ferrous items are metals made of iron and/or steel. Non-ferrous items include all metal items that are not iron or steel, such as aluminum, copper, lead, zinc, nickel, titanium, cobalt, chromium, and other precious metals.

What types of scrap metal can be recycled?

If you live in a single-family home or in an apartment or condominium, old, unused and/or unwanted appliances including washers, dryers, refrigerators, and sinks can be recycled; other items include lawnmowers, cabinets, doors, metal shelving, metal sheds, old tools (such as wrenches), aluminum lawn chairs, iron furniture, swing sets, or old toys. Metal piping and fences are also recyclable.

Some scrap metal items that can be found at your workplace that are recyclable include: metal waste baskets, filing cabinets, metal staplers, metal hole punches, desks, and chairs.

How do you recycle this product?

Residents of Single-Family Homes:

Montgomery County offers a scrap metal recycling collection program to residents of single-family homes. Curbside scrap metal collections are made on your recycling day by a special truck. These collections must be scheduled one-day in advance on-line at the County Web site or by calling the Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) Customer Service Line at 240-777-6410. Then, simply place your metal item(s) at curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled recycling pick-up day.

Multi-Family Properties:

Check with your property manager for the location of any on-site scrap metal recycling containers or for any specific recycling procedures. Multi-Family properties may contract with private scrap metal dealers for collection or may self-haul scrap metal to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station.

Businesses:

Check with your recycling coordinator, facility manager, or property manager. Businesses may contract collection service with a private scrap metal dealer or may self-haul scrap metal to the Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station.



Follow these rules when recycling this material:



Items Must be less than
8 Feet Long for
Single-Family Collection



Doors Must be
Removed from
Refrigerators/Freezers



No Vehicles,
Automotive Parts or
Engine Blocks



No Rust
No Concrete



No Paint Cans



No Propane/Oxygen
Tanks or Other
Pressurized Containers

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Recycling is the Law.

**Executive Regulation 15-04AM
requires recycling of
Scrap Metal.**

Are there any scrap metal items that can't be recycled?

Montgomery County does not accept vehicles, automotive parts, paint cans, and/or any metal item(s) with its contents under pressure, such as oxygen or propane tanks.

How does recycling scrap metal help the environment?

Recycling scrap metal helps prevent air and water pollution and saves precious natural resources and energy.

Where is the County Solid Waste Transfer Station and what is the process for scrap metal recycling?

The Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station is located at 16101 Frederick Road, Derwood, MD 20855.

Residents and businesses in Montgomery County who self-haul, can bring scrap metal items for recycling at no cost from Monday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Special note for Multi-Family Properties and Businesses:

Ensure that any on-site construction/demolition project includes provisions for recycling of scrap metal items such as wiring, rebar, piping, metal fencing, etc. Call the Division of Solid Waste Services for information.

Help Reduce Waste

Besides recycling old, unused, and/or unwanted scrap metal items, consider donating these to a worthy cause. For example: donate your bicycle and/or automobile to a charitable organization.

Close the Loop

Scrap metal can be recycled and made into a wide variety of new products for use in your home or in your office. Some of these products include new appliances, automobiles, bed frames, cooking pots, office equipment, furniture, electrical wiring, locks, door knobs, file cabinets, metal shelving, and tools.



Office Products
& Supplies



Construction
Materials & Tools



Indoor & Outdoor
Furniture

How do I know if I am buying products made from recycled materials and where do I find them?

Look for the "made with recycled-content" symbol . When it is on a package, you can be sure that the product is made with recycled materials. Recycled products are available from many sources including grocery, department, and hardware stores, so it is not necessary to shop at a specialty store to find them.



**For more information, contact:
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