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# How to Recycle Scrap Metal At Your Apartment or Condominium



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Metal Doors

Nuts and Bolts



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Grills



Metal Lamps



Irons





# What is Scrap Metal?

Scrap metal is any item that is predominantly metal, i.e., more than 50 percent of its weight composition is metal. Some examples of scrap metal items you might find in an apartment or condominium include:

- Refrigerators and Freezers
- Microwaves
- Stoves and Ovens
- Washers and Dryers
- Irons
- Toasters
- Tools and Toys
- Sinks
- Cooking Pots and Pans
- Shower Stalls
- Bicycles
- Grills
- Iron Furniture
- Aluminum Lawn Furniture
- Bed Frames
- Metal Cabinets
- Pipes and Rebar
- Humidifiers
- Window Air Conditioners
- Water Heaters
- Wire Clothes Hangers
- Aluminum Window Frames
- Aluminum, Steel, Iron, and Copper Items



# Why Recycle Scrap Metal?

Metal is a non-renewable and therefore limited resource that is in very high demand. Without recycling, the amount of metal available to build new buildings, cars, and other items would gradually diminish. Scrap metal recycling is essential to a sustainable economy, and it saves money, conserves energy, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions. Currently, recycled metal makes up more than half of the metal supply market.\* Did you know that for every pound of steel recycled, enough energy is saved to light a 60-watt light bulb for more than a day?

\* U.S. Geological Survey, 2011 Minerals Yearbook, May 2013.

# How to Recycle Scrap Metal

All apartments and condominiums in Montgomery County are required to have scrap metal recycling programs in place that are accessible to their residents. Check with your property manager to find out how scrap metal is recycled at your property. Most properties have scrap metal recycling containers or storage areas available. Do not place scrap metal items in common areas without checking with your property manager first; otherwise, your items may block other people's access to the collection area, and your scrap metal may get thrown away as trash. Do not place scrap metal items in trash containers or in commingled material (glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles, containers, and lids; aluminum and bi-metal steel/tin cans; and aluminum foil products) recycling containers.

If you purchase a new appliance, check with the store to see if they will remove and recycle the old appliance for you.

# Information for Property Owners/Managers



Property owners and managers are tasked with the responsibility of developing and maintaining successful scrap metal recycling programs for their residents and for materials generated by property management during renovations and other projects. While residents may generate scrap metal on a less frequent basis than mixed paper or commingled materials, the same recycling requirements apply. The following are tips for creating a convenient scrap metal recycling program at your property:

- Place smaller-sized scrap metal recycling containers throughout the property for residents to use to recycle small scrap metal items such as pots, lamps, toasters, or wire clothes hangers.
- Establish a scrap metal recycling collection/storage area that is accessible to residents and large enough to accommodate larger scrap metal items such as appliances, bed frames, and bicycles. Scrap metal storage must be separate from bulk trash storage.
- Make sure scrap metal recycling containers/areas are well marked and accessible to residents.
- Contract collection service with a scrap metal recycling collection company. Establish a convenient collection schedule based on your storage capacity (twice a month, once a month, every other month, on-call, etc.).
- If you do not contract for collection service, identify a scrap metal recycling facility where your property will self-haul the scrap metal. The Montgomery County Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station located at 16101 Frederick Road in Derwood, Maryland, accepts scrap metal for recycling at no charge.
- Check with your scrap metal recycling collection company or facility regarding proper procedures to handle scrap metal.
- Provide information to residents about how to recycle scrap metal in move-in materials and throughout the year to remind all residents. If scrap metal recycling containers are not available at all recycling collection sites, post notices at those sites educating residents on where to place their scrap metal.
- In addition to scrap metal generated by your residents, ensure that any contract for construction/demolition work on your property includes requirements for the contractor to recycle scrap metal.
- All scrap metal generated on your property must be reported to Montgomery County on your Annual Multi-Family Recycling and Waste Reduction Report. Keep records of how much and how frequently you recycle scrap metal.

# Did You Know?

Recycling is the law in Montgomery County, Maryland. Executive Regulation 15-04AM requires all multi-family properties to recycle and report their recycling progress to the County on an annual basis. In addition to scrap metal, all apartments and condominiums must have recycling programs for **mixed paper, commingled materials** (glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles, containers, jars, tubs, trays, domes, lids, caps, pails, buckets, flowerpots, and #1 PET clamshell containers and packaging; aluminum and bi-metal steel/tin cans; and aluminum foil products), **yard trim**, and **Christmas trees**. To evaluate your property's recycling program and ensure it is in compliance with County requirements, call the Division of Solid Waste Services Waste Reduction and Recycling Section TRRAC Program to schedule an on-site assessment.

**For more information, contact:  
Montgomery County, Maryland  
Division of Solid Waste Services  
Waste Reduction and Recycling Section**

## **TRRAC Program**

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