

# METAL RECYCLING

- FOR BUSINESSES -



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## Does your business have scrap metal sitting around? If so, you're literally sitting on money.

Scrap metal recycling isn't just good for the planet – it's a smart, cost-effective move that helps reduce waste, boost your bottom line, and support sustainability goals. Whether you're in construction, manufacturing, or facility management, making informed decisions about your scrap can generate real returns.

In this guide, we'll break down the essentials of business metal recycling including what materials to prioritize, how the process works, and how to get started.

If you're already a seasoned recycler, skip to the bottom section: [For Experienced Recyclers: Getting the Most from Your Scrap Vendor.](#)

Let's dive in.

# WHAT COUNTS AS SCRAP METAL?

Scrap metal includes just about any metal material your business no longer needs.

That might be old equipment, copper wire, broken tools, or leftover steel from a job. If it's made of metal or contains metal elements and it's no longer serving you, there's a good chance it can be recycled.

## Common Scrap Materials

What's in your storage area? If it's metal, we'll take a look. Call us if you're unsure. You might be sitting on high-value materials without even realizing it.

### Tools & Machinery

Broken or outdated tools

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Industrial equipment

### Construction Cast-Offs

Steel beams

Pipes

Metal siding

Copper wiring

Sheet metal

### Parts & Appliances

Auto parts

Broken appliances

Broken electronics

Metal shelving, bins, fencing

## Less Common Scrap Items

Not all scrap looks like scrap. These less obvious items often get missed, but they're absolutely worth recycling — and can bring strong returns depending on the material.

### Parts & Components

Circuit boards

Server parts

Old control panels

### Titanium & Specialty

Aerospace components

Medical equipment

Advanced manufacturing equipment

### Fire Suppression

Brass heads

Piping

Cylinder parts

# IS RECYCLING WORTH MY TIME?

## All the business benefits

Recycling scrap metal offers real benefits beyond good PR. You can earn money on materials you'd otherwise toss, especially high-value metals like copper and aluminum. Instead of paying to haul waste to the dump, you're turning it into a revenue stream.

It's also a win for job site efficiency and company sustainability efforts. Clean, organized workspaces are safer and more productive, making employees and customers happy. And your customers will notice when you take sustainability seriously. Plus, with metal recycling using far less energy than mining, it's one of the easiest ways to reduce your environmental footprint.

- 01** Get paid for valuable materials you'd otherwise throw away
- 02** Keep your workplace or job site cleaner, safer, and more efficient
- 03** Show your clients you care about sustainability
- 04** Lower landfill and disposal costs
- 05** Save energy vs. producing metal from raw ore



# HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

(TLDR; We do the heavy lifting)

The scrap metal recycling process is straightforward and business-friendly. For a business, yours is the easy part and we do all the heavy lifting (pun intended). All you have to do is choose an on-site container for your business and schedule a container drop-off. If you aren't sure what size you need, we can do a free phone or on-site consult to make sure we bring you the container you need.

Then fill it up, call for a pickup, and let us handle the rest. Sorting by type isn't required — we'll take care of identifying the materials.

At the recycling yard, the metals are sorted, weighed, and paid out based on current market rates. These rates change daily so be sure to call for up-to-the-minute prices. Then they're shredded, melted down, and repurposed for manufacturing. The whole system keeps valuable resources in circulation and supports industries across the country.

- 1** Choose your container for your job site, business, or multiple facilities

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- 2** Schedule a container delivery (with free onsite dropoff)

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- 3** Fill it up with ferrous and non-ferrous metal scrap

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- 4** Schedule a pickup - we'll collect, sort and weigh your scrap

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- 5** Get paid and celebrate your cleaner, safer, sustainable workplace

# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Plus, you'll be able to share feel-good facts like this one:



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Recycling just

**500 lbs**

of aluminum (about half a container for many CNC shops)

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Saves over

**2,700 gallons**

of water (enough drinking water for 1 person for 7.4 years)

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and over

**3,500 kWh**

of energy (4 months of electricity for a single home)

That's a serious environmental win — and one your customers will respect.

**Sources:**

- U.S. EPA
- Aluminum Association
- National Recycling Coalition

# FOR EXPERIENCED RECYCLERS

Get the most out of your scrap metal vendors



If you're already recycling scrap metal—especially from CNC, fab, or manufacturing operations—you're ahead of the curve. But not all recycling vendors are built the same. Service, speed, and payout transparency can vary widely, and those differences add up over time.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR:

### Fast, flexible container service

no waitlists, no hassle

### Large container & truck inventory

including roll-offs, luggers, cargo trailers, and custom boxes

### Tailored solutions for CNC, fab, and machine shops

including tight-space setups and long-term container placement

### Top-dollar pricing for high-grade materials

copper, brass, stainless, alloys, titanium, and more

### Transparent, trackable payouts

instant checks, cash via on-site ATM, or monthly invoicing with full reporting

### State-certified scales + load tickets for every haul

100% accurate and audit-friendly

Maximize ROI, reduce friction, and choose a vendor who gets it.

## Don't settle for one-size-fits-all containers.

The right container size and type can reduce your handling time, save floor space, and minimize missed pickups. We'll help you select the best fit based on your material type, workflow, and pickup frequency — and we'll adjust as your volume grows.

For larger jobs or recurring scrap, we offer free on-site container service. Just let us know what kind of scrap you have and how often you need pickup, and we'll deliver the right container — sized to fit your space and volume.

We handle both drop-off and pickup, so your crew can stay focused on the job. From small bins to large roll-offs, we've got the equipment and logistics to keep your site clean and your metal moving.

### Our container options include:

- Small bins for ongoing small-volume jobs
- Mid-size containers for multi-week projects
- Roll-offs for high-volume scrap or demo sites
- Flexible pickup schedules based on your needs

Learn more about our container options 



Lugger



Lockbox



Warehouse Box



Roll-Off



Scrap Box



Cargo Trailer



Flatbed Trailer



Van Trailer



Gaylord Box





## We'd love to partner with your business

We specialize in serving clients who rely on recycling as part of their operational workflow. Whether you're running a single mill or a multi-site operation, you deserve a partner who shows up on time, communicates clearly, and helps you get the most from every load.

Businesses across Colorado choose Iron and Metals including contractors, HVAC and plumbing crews, manufacturers, auto shops, and commercial property managers. If your work involves tearing out, building up, or fabricating, we've got a recycling solution for you.

### Industries we serve:

- General contractors and demo crews
- Electricians, plumbers, and HVAC techs
- Manufacturers and machine shops
- Auto repair, salvage, and body shops
- Property managers and commercial cleanouts

# LET'S TALK SHOP

Iron and Metals is Colorado's trusted partner for commercial and industrial scrap metal recycling.



We combine fast turnaround times with fair pricing and honest service.

Even if you've never recycled scrap before, it's worth reaching out. Our team can help you understand what your materials are worth and how to set up a system that makes sense for your operation — whether it's a one-time cleanout or ongoing pickups.

**Call us today to get started or request a consult:**

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If you're ready for faster turnaround, more payout options, or just better service, give us a call. We'll come out for a free site visit, help optimize your container setup, and make sure you're getting every penny your scrap is worth.