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## **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

### **Why should I recycle scrap metal?**

Recycling your scrap metal is important to our economy and our environment. It goes far beyond the bin at the edge of your curb. Per data obtained from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, in 2015 alone, 130 million metric tons of scrap metal, paper, plastic, glass, textiles, rubber, and electronics, valued at more than \$80 billion, were manufactured into specification grade commodities by the scrap recycling industry in the United States. As the first link in the manufacturing supply chain, scrap recycling has been integral to the U.S. economy, global trade, and resource sustainability for more than 200 years.

### **What are ferrous metals?**

Ferrous is an industry term used to indicate the presence of iron. Ferrous metals include steel and alloys consisting of iron with other metals. Ferrous metals are generally identified through their magnetic properties.

### **What are nonferrous metals?**

Nonferrous is an industry term used to indicate metals other than iron and alloys that do not contain an appreciable amount of iron. Nonferrous metals include but are not limited to aluminum, brass, copper and stainless. Nonferrous metals generally do not have magnetic properties.

### **Do I get paid for recycling metal?**

Yes. Prices are determined based on commonly used industry market indexes and can fluctuate daily. Please contact a buyer for specific inquiries.

### **When do I get paid for recycling metal?**

Ferrous metals can be paid for immediately at our facility by cash or check. Nonferrous metals will be paid by check and mailed after three business days in accordance with state and local metal theft laws. In certain cases, properly registered business owners and authorized representatives can be paid immediately for nonferrous metals. Please contact a buyer for further information.

### **Are there specific requirements to be paid for recycling metal?**

Yes. All sellers are required to provide a copy of a state accepted form of identification and have a valid name, address, phone number and vehicle license plate on file with us before we can process a transaction.

### **Do I need to sort metal into specific categories?**

No. However, if you are able to sort your metals by commodity you will generally be paid a higher value.

### **Is there a minimum or maximum amount of metal that can be recycled?**

Yes. You must have at least \$10.00 or more worth of metal to be paid. If you are under this amount, we will still accept your metal to recycle for free.

### **Does BMI pick up scrap metal?**

Yes. If you have a large amount of scrap metal generally greater than 5,000 pounds we have a fleet of roll-off trucks with containers ranging from 4' x 4' to 40 yard roll-off boxes. Please contact a buyer for specific inquiries.

### **Does BMI accept deliveries of scrap metal?**

Yes. We are open to the general public. Please note that state and local metal theft laws require sellers to carry a completed Metal Transportation Certificate (MTC) when transporting scrap metal intended for sale to a recycling business. The MTC is the responsibility of the seller and is available for free at the following website: [http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/Pages/metal\\_trans\\_certificate.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/Pages/metal_trans_certificate.aspx)

### **What happens to my scrap metal after I drop it off?**

Scrap metal is processed and manufactured through torch cutting, hydraulic cutting and baling into commodity specific specifications that will be sold to foundries and smelters.