

Scrap Metal

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The Transfer Station has accepted scrap metal for years. In fact, the Board of Supervisors has adopted a policy that prohibits scrap metal from being in the trash stream. Consequently, if you live in town and put scrap metal (grills, metal folding chairs, parts of lawnmowers, etc.) out for garbage collection, the hauler will not pick up these materials. (He'll also leave large items because it is not considered day to day garbage and thus is not in his contract with the town to take.)

There is no charge to bring metal to the Transfer Station. We have a large pile at most times that contains everything from metal posts, to eave troughs, to lawnmowers, to metal garbage cans, to car parts, and the list goes on and on. This is a valuable commodity to recycle and is easily sold. This helps to offset our costs in operating the Transfer Station, helping to pay for other less profitable recycling efforts.

We really encourage everyone, especially farmers (who have lots of scrap metal) to clean up sites and bring this to us. We do NOT accept really large items like cars, tractors, or whole farm implements. Also, rolls of wire fencing have to be placed in a separate pile adjacent the scrap metal as the baling company does bale this separately.

So when you come to the Transfer Station have the scrap metal easily separable from other garbage and items. If it is mixed in with trash and refuse, the attendant will require that you dig out the metal and take it to the scrap pile. Be considerate of his requests as it is part of his job and is beneficial to us all to recycle this material.

If you have any questions about any metal and whether or not we'll accept it, call either the Transfer Station or the Environmental Health office.