

SCRAP METAL

Scrap metal can cause great harm to the environment and water sources. Recycling scrap metal can save space in landfills and keep things looking tidy. There are many companies in Manitoba that accept and/or purchase scrap metal based on weight and type of metals recycled and current market prices. Some scrap metal recyclers will pick up at your landfill depending on location. Call the scrap recycler ahead of time to confirm what they will accept.

Scrap metal can include:

- Steel, copper, brass, aluminum, stainless steel, high-temperature alloy or lead
- Certain white goods such as dishwashers, stoves, washers, dryers
- Common metal items such as bicycles, bbqs, metal boats
- Scrap vehicles with hazardous materials removed (see the guidance in this toolkit for End-of-Life/Scrap Vehicles)

Scrap metal does not include:

- Hazardous materials (paint, oil, antifreeze)
- Radioactive materials (smoke detectors, radium luminous devices)
- Non-metallic items (tires, wood, ceramics)
- Compressed gas cylinders (propane, helium)
- Items containing refrigerants (compressors, air conditioners, fridges, freezers)
- Items containing PCBs (transformers, capacitors)
- Explosives (firearms, live ammunition)
- Flammable materials (gasoline, solvents, oil)
- Other hazardous materials (pesticides, fluorescent lights, thermostats, car and truck lead batteries)

Check out the guidance provided in this toolkit for information on hazardous materials and fridges/freezers.

01 REGISTRATION

No registration is required.

02 COLLECTION & TRAINING

Community members can either drop off their scrap metal at the landfill or take it directly to a scrap metal recycler.

There is no training required for landfill staff to handle scrap metal assuming it does not contain any hazardous materials (like those contained in scrap vehicles or fridges, freezers and air conditioners).

03 STORAGE & EQUIPMENT

Set aside and sign an area of the landfill for scrap metal. It does not need to be weather protected.

04 TRANSPORT & REMOVAL

Some scrap metal recyclers will pick up from your landfill depending on location. If you transport small loads of scrap metal yourself, ensure that the loads are properly secured.

If you are looking for the latest and most current scrap metal prices in Manitoba, you should telephone at least three scrap yards. The more scrap yard prices you can compare, the more likely you are to sell your scrap metal for a better price per pound. Prices fluctuate a lot from year to year and from month to month. (Source: Ten Steps of a Successful Backhaul, CIER, 2018)

The following is a list of scrap metal recyclers in Manitoba that you can contact (current as of March 2021):

SCRAP METAL RECYCLER	CONTACT INFORMATION	WEBSITE
Chisick Metal	2141 Logan Ave, Winnipeg (204) 632-1045	
Gerdau Selkirk	1 Railway St., Selkirk (204) 482-3241	GERDAU.COM/
Industrial Metals	550 Messier St., Winnipeg 1-800-661-7414 (204) 233-1908 info@industrialmetals.ca	INDUSTRIALMETALS.CA/
Interlake Salvage and Recycling	47 Patterson Dr, Stonewall (204) 467-9344 interlakesalvage@mymts.net	INTERLAKESALVAGE.CA/
Orloff Scrap Metals	410 King St., Winnipeg (204) 589-4303	ORLOFFSCRAPMETALS.CA/
Rakowski Recycling	454 Archibald St., Winnipeg (204) 231-4050	RAKOWSKICARTAGE.COM/RAKOWSKI-RECYCLING/
Urbanmine Inc.	72 Rothwell Rd, Winnipeg 1-866-820-2786 (204) 774-0192	URBANMINE.CA/
Wesman Salvage	855 49th St, Brandon (204) 726-8080 admin@wesmansalvage.com	WESMANSALVAGE.COM/

05 RECORD KEEPING

It is recommended to keep record of the tonnage of scrap metal removed from the landfill. This can be shared with Chief and Council and community members to show what and how much scrap metal is being recycled. It can also help landfill operators plan how much scrap metal to expect for storage and removal.



SCRAP METAL COMMUNITY EXAMPLE

LITTLE SASKATCHEWAN FIRST NATION

In November 2023, the waste management team in Little Saskatchewan First Nation managed to remove two 40 yard bins of scrap metal from their transfer station site for recycling. Waste Connections came out to do the pick up.

DEALING WITH WASTE MATERIALS

