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Texas Port Recycling

Scrap Acceptance Guidelines Port of Houston, TX

Acceptable Material

Aluminum	Automobiles	Electric motors	Stainless steel
Aluminum cans	Brass	Farm equipment	Steel/Iron
Appliances	Cast iron	Lead	Zinc
Assorted alloys	Copper		

Conditional Acceptance

Scrap Item	Conditions for Acceptance
Appliances	Must have fluid filled capacitors removed
Transformers	Must be drained and have a letter verifying no PCBs are present
Propane cylinders	Must be devalved and have a large hole punched in the side
Compressed gas cylinders	Must be de-valved or cut in half
Aerosol cans	Must be empty (no pressure and no liquids) and be properly punctured
Closed top drums	Must have no free liquids and top removed or drum is crushed
Open top drums	Must be free of liquids or sludge
Bullet lead, lead plate, lead acid batteries	Only accepted at the non-ferrous department scale
Turnings, borings, motor blocks & oily scrap	Only accepted when unloaded directly into the designated area
Above ground & underground storage tanks	Must be drained with a 6" hole, have no liquids or sludge, and no combustible vapors

Unacceptable Material

Acetylene cylinders	Radioactive materials
Munitions, bullets, military range scrap, explosives	Fluorescent light bulbs
Mercury containing light switch assemblies, thermometers, thermostats, pressure regulating valves	PCB containing materials - light ballasts & capacitors
Computer monitors, TV's (cathode ray tubes)	Electronic scrap, including circuit boards
Asbestos containing materials (i.e. insulated pipe and transite concrete fiber board)	Flammable or combustible materials
Closed containers or vessels containing fluids	Back up power supply units
	Non-metal items