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# Texas Port Recycling

## Scrap Acceptance Guidelines Houston, TX

### Acceptable Material

Aluminum  
Assorted alloys  
Automobiles

Brass  
Cast iron  
Copper

Stainless steel  
Steel/Iron  
Zinc

### 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  
Munitions, bullets, military range scrap, explosives  
Mercury containing light switch assemblies,  
thermometers, thermostats, pressure regulating valves  
Computer monitors, TV's (cathode ray tubes)  
Asbestos containing materials (i.e. insulated pipe  
and transite concrete fiber board)  
Closed containers or vessels containing fluids  
Radioactive materials

Fluorescent light bulbs  
PCB containing materials - light ballasts & capacitors  
Significant quantities of printed circuit boards (electronic scrap)  
Flammable or combustible materials  
Back up power supply units  
Shopping carts, man-hole covers, railroad ties, x-ray equipment,  
hospital or medical equipment  
Non-metal items