



RAGS Information Sheet: METAL



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Types of metals

Most metals can be recycled effectively, yet they make up around 8% of the average household dustbin.

• Aluminium



75% of all canned food and drinks in the UK are made from Aluminium. Aluminium is the world's second most commonly used metal and is one of the most cost-effective material to recycle. Recycling Aluminium is very energy efficient as it only requires 5% of the energy and produces only 5% of the CO₂ emissions, compared to production from the raw material.

• Steel & other metals



Steel is used every where, in the transport, building, packaging, food and drink industry. All other metals including, iron, copper, silver, gold, lead, and brass can be recycled.

Households

- In some local authorities you can put Aluminium and steel food and drink cans in your Kerbside recycling bin. They must be empty and washed out.
- You can take you empty cans to your local Civic Amenity. Please note that they aerosol cans should not be put in these bins.
- There are centers throughout Scotland where you can donate or get paid cash for Aluminum cans. For more details go to "Cash for Cans" at www.alupro.org.uk.
- Contact your local authority directly (see RAGS "Domestic Recycling" information sheet) or check the Waste Aware Scotland website at www.wascot.org.uk for current information.

Commercial

- For business and commercial waste, there are a number of companies that will collect wood from business premises. There is usually a charge for this service.
- Civic amenity sites are generally only available to household and non-commercial waste. Some sites will take commercial waste, but there may be a fee for this. Please contact your local authority for more details.

Other useful websites

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| • www.alupro.org.uk | UK Aluminum Recycling Organization |
| • www.cspr.co.uk | Information on steel and aluminium recycling. |
| • www.scrib.org | The Steel Can Recycling Bureau |
| • www.thinkcans.com | Information on aluminium can recycling |
| • www.wasteonline.org.uk | In depth online recycling information |
| • www.homerecycling.co.uk | Recycling information for householders |