



Best practices for manufacturers to manage scrap metal

The Metal Recyclers' Association of South Africa (MRA) is committed to supporting manufacturers in adopting smarter, more sustainable scrap metal management practices. Effective scrap handling not only reduces costs but also strengthens South Africa's circular economy, creating jobs and protecting our environment.

Why scrap metal management matters in South Africa:

- Proper segregation of ferrous and non-ferrous metals ensures higher resale value.
- Recycling reduces landfill waste and lowers carbon emissions.
- Strengthening domestic recycling supports South African processors and reduces reliance on imports.
- Aligning with national regulations and industry standards builds trust and credibility.

Best practice for manufacturers:

- Separate metals during production to avoid contamination.
- Work with MRA members to ensure responsible collection and processing.
- Use designated bins and safe storage to prevent theft and hazards.
- Monitor scrap volumes to identify efficiency gains and reduce waste.
- Employee training: Educate staff on proper handling and the value of recycling.

"Together we can ensure that scrap metal management becomes a driver of sustainability and growth in South Africa," says Quintin Starkey, MRA Committee Member.

The MRA continues to advocate for responsible recycling practices, connecting manufacturers with trusted partners and promoting industry standards.