

PROPRIETARY ITEMS

The items pictured below are regulated or restricted in most states. These items are used mainly by governments, utilities, or other specific industries, and may be clearly marked as property belonging to an entity other than the seller. Sellers of these items are normally doing so in conjunction with a contract or letter of authorization. The items are identified in layman's terms and in terms used by scrap metal recyclers to identify the construction metals.

Laws vary from state to state and often times from municipality to municipality. It is incumbent upon law enforcement officers to familiarize themselves with the metal theft statutes in the jurisdiction in which employed. For easy reference, state metal theft statutes are listed on the ISRI.org website under Policy & Regulations / State Policies / Helpful Resources.

COMMON TERMS

Ferrous Metals - Any metals containing significant quantities of iron or steel.

Non-ferrous Metals - Metals not containing significant quantities of iron or steel, including, without limitation, copper, brass, aluminum, bronze, lead, zinc, nickel, and alloys thereof, excluding precious metals.

MAN HOLE COVERS - Cast iron / STREET SIGNS - Aluminium sheet



FIRE HYDRANTS / FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS - Yellow brass or red brass



BACKFLOW VALVES / WATER METERS - Yellow brass or red brass



WATER METERS / GAS METERS - Yellow and red brass / IRRIGATION PIPE - Aluminium



RAILROAD SCRAP - Steel



CEMETERY PLAQUES / CEMETARY URNS / MEMORIAL PLAQUES - Red brass, sometimes referred to as bronze

EXPLOSIVES Casings made of brass or steel; projectiles often containing lead



GUARD RAIL/BLEACHERS - Extruded Aluminum



CATALYTIC CONVERTERS - Aluminium and contain precious metals such as platinum / **BEER KEGS** - Stainless steel / **CLOSED CYLINDERS** - Steel



PHONE CABLE / UTILITY Insulated copper wire, copper, brass

