

Turner Machine Co., Inc. Launches Machine Recycling Program.

Smyrna, TN, June 14, 2008, 2008 -- Turner Machine Co., Inc., located in Smyrna, TN, has combined its longtime practice of salvaging machine components from obsolete machines with a scrap metal recycling program. The company has long recognized the value in stripping older machines of their components and selling or donating the leftover steel and aluminum as scrap. The company has taken the initiative one step further by recycling all leftover metal produced by its machine shop. Traditionally, any large pieces have been donated to a local technical school, and small pieces, or chips, were thrown away. Now all scrap will be recycled.

According to Jeff Turner, company president, more and more plant owners are recognizing the value of scrapping their machines. "For us, it's an environmentally and a financially responsible thing to do." He explains that not only does Turner Machine benefit from machine recycling, the customer also benefits, sometimes directly. In one case, Turner Machine helped reduce a customer's new machine investment by nearly 40% by re-using a pair of [staking](#) heads the customer had in storage. He says the company's next salvage project is a pair of [leak testing](#) machines.

Generally speaking, when equipment becomes obsolete due to age or production changes, the it ends up in plant storage, or in a "bone yard" as it's often referred to. In the worst case scenario, it goes to a landfill. Once in the landfill, materials from the machine such as paint, oil, grease, or battery acid could pose an environmental threat.

According to Wikipedia, scrap metal recycling keeps 145 million tons of potentially hazardous raw materials out of landfills. In addition, scrap metal accounts for 60% of the raw material used for metal and alloy production in the U.S., and is also a major U.S. export.