

California Recycling Laws

Scrap dealers must maintain records of transactions for two years, which must be submitted to law enforcement in the city or county in which the transaction occurred.

Scrap metal dealers are prohibited from providing payment by cash or check for purchases of more than \$20 unless the check is mailed or the cash or check is provided no earlier than three days after the sale date. The payment delay is excused if a customer has been to the same yard at least five times per month for three months in a row.

Additionally, the recycler must obtain a photograph or video of the seller, the seller's thumbprint, a copy of the seller's driver's license, a description of the seller's vehicle and the license plate number of the seller's vehicle. There is a 90-day tag-and-hold policy when notified by law enforcement.