

**OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
TOWNS COUNTY, GA
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Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 10-1-360, secondary metals recyclers who purchase regulated metal property in any quantity ***must register with the sheriff's office beginning July 1, 2012.***

Annually, the Office of Sheriff is required to register secondary metals recyclers doing business in the county, keep a record of each registration, and cause the registration information to be entered into a statewide database searchable by all law enforcement agencies.

The recycler registering as a *business* must register with the sheriff in the county where the place of operation is maintained. If the recycler maintains a place of operation in more than one county, he/she must register the business in each county. An individual must register in the county where he/she resides. A recycler who is *not a resident* of Georgia must register in the county where he/she primarily engages or intends to operate as a secondary metals recycler. There is a \$200.00 annual fee requirement under the new law. All secondary metal recyclers are required to register by July 01, 2012.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Vicki Ellis at the Towns County Sheriff's Office at 706/896-8343.

