Trash and Recycling Bins for Metal/Wood Scrap

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Separate waste bins for metal offcuts, wood scrap, plastics and general rubbish support workshop recycling and good housekeeping. Labelled bins with the right sizes and lids keep floors clear, sort materials for reuse or collection, and cut disposal costs.

Key Features

- Colour-coded bins by material type
- Metal, wood, plastic and general labels
- Wheeled and lidded designs for capacity
- Floor and wall-mounted options
- Tongs and treadle lid openers

Typical Uses in the Workshop

- Sort offcuts by material for recycling
- Keep work areas clear of scrap
- Collect metal chips and shavings safely
- Provide visible waste discipline

Safe Operation

1. Label every bin clearly with contents
2. Place bins near the machines that produce the waste
3. Empty metal bins before they get heavy
4. Keep lids closed between use
5. Weigh and record scrap for collection

SAFETY NOTES

- Keep metal chips separate from combustibles
- Do not overload bins you cannot tip
- Wear gloves when handling sharp scrap
- Never put oily rags in the recycling bins
- Check the collection contract for rules

Maintenance & Consumables

- Empty and wash bins regularly
- Check bin liners and wheels
- Repair cracked bins and faded labels
- Keep the bin area tidy
- Arrange scrap collection schedules

Specification & Buying Notes

Colour-coded wheeled bins with lids and clear labels work best. Metal scrap needs a sturdy handled drum. Add a compaction or storage area if scrap volume is high.