

## Sims Recycling Expanded Operations

Sims Bros, Inc. has expanded their Delaware recycling facility at 65 London Rd. and can now take steel and iron. At an open house showcasing their renovated property, I spoke with Manager Brandon Fischer who pointed out the addition of a 72-foot truck scale, new heavy equipment, landscaping and excavating to accommodate a driving entrance/exit to the facility and a terraced and leveled area in the back for collection of scrap iron and steel among other changes.

"We still have the co-mingle recycling container available for customers," said Fischer. "We accept paper, cardboard, plastics, glass and aluminum and steel cans."

Access to the sorting container is during business hours which are 8 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 to noon on Saturday. Industrial customers as well as customers can bring steel and iron and utilize the new truck scale where Sims pays for the scrap. They can accept items like old lawnmowers and appliances—anything metal. Sims also accepts e-waste at the London Rd. site—things like old computers, monitors, keyboards, fax machines, printers, etc..

Starting with a wagon back in the 1930s, brothers Carl and Donald Sims grew a scrap management business now operating in five locations and annually processing about 700 million pounds of material. These guys were recycling before it was cool! Based out of Marion, Sims operates five facilities in Marion, Bellefontaine, Mt. Vernon, Columbus and Delaware. They primarily purchase scrap iron and steel from industries in the Central Ohio area, prepare those materials to meet consumer specifications and sell to mills throughout the Midwest, but they also work with individuals and families to assist with local recycling needs.

Son Gary serves the family business now as President, long-time employee Scott Fischer serves as Chief Operating Officer and daughter Connie Horne as Vice President of Human Resources.

According to Horne, Sims Brothers also has personnel who work inside manufacturing plants in Central Ohio to coordinate and facilitate recycling on-site.

"We are very proud of the renovations at our Delaware site," said Horne. The open house was held to thank all of the general contractors and others who worked to make the project a success and their valued customers. Congratulations, Sims Bros!

For more information, call Sims at 363-9192 or 800-536-7465 or check out [www.simsbros.com](http://www.simsbros.com) where you can find tips for preparing your recyclables.

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