Progress Rail has strong roots in recycling – in fact, our business was founded on it. While we have broadened our industry expertise to cover the entire rail value chain, recycling is still the heartbeat of our company. Our ability to safely recycle material while extending the life of viable components allows us to provide incremental value for your scrap metal. Our global reach provides direct access to steel mills and foundries – enabling our clients to manage their scrap as an asset.
Derailment Services

Progress Rail’s Recycling Division specializes in derailed equipment clean up, removal of retired or out of service rail cars and over-the-road railcar transportation. Our Recycling Division is centrally located in the US - North Central Alabama (Albertville) and services all of the 48 contiguous states. From the Atlantic to the Rocky Mountains, our crews handle roughly 90 percent of the derailments and retired cars in this area.

Derailments are either high-profile or not. The high profile derailment requires an immediate response, which usually means the damaged and destroyed rail cars will be loaded whole onto a semi-tractor and low-bed trailer and hauled to a rail car repair facility, repaired and put back in service; or to a dismantling facility, where wheel sets and numerous other parts are removed, reconditioned to AAR specification and solid back to the railroads.

Derailments that are not restricting or interfering with the normal flow of highway traffic or creating an issue for private property or industry productivity, will be dismantled where they landed. We remove all the parts that can be reconditioned and ship them to one of reconditioning shops.