

Metal Detecting Code of Ethics

#1 I will respect private property and will not metal detect without the property owner's permission.

#2 I will not destroy property, buildings or what is left of ghost towns and deserted structures.

#3 I will not litter, always pack out what I take in and remove all trash found.

#4 I will leave all gates and other accesses to land as found.

#5 I will not damage natural resources, wildlife habitats, or any private property.

#6 I will use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.

#7 I will abide by all laws, ordinances or regulations that may govern my search, or the area I will be in.

#8 I will fill all holes, regardless how remote the location, and never dig in a way that will damage, be damaging to, or kill any vegetation. If I find holes left by other detectorists, I will attempt to fill them before leaving.

#9 I will report the discovery of items of significant historical value to a local historian or museum in accordance with the latest legislation.

#10 I will be an ambassador for the metal detecting hobby.

Be polite and informative to those who inquire about your hobby - you are the ambassador of a pastime we want to protect and we will be judged by how you act & respond.