



## *The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Maine*

# *Recycling & Solid Waste Conference*

Monday & Tuesday, April 26-27, 2010

Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine

Presented by the

**Maine Resource Recovery Association**

## *Understanding Economic Impacts*

### *Conference Highlights*

**Nationally recognized speakers  
including the Keynote Address by**

**Susan Collins**, Container Recycling Institute

and

**Ron Perkins**, Ag Container Recycling Council

**Sierra Fletcher**, Product Stewardship Institute

**Elizabeth Bedard**, Assn. of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers

**Todd Ellis**, Call2Recycle (RBRC)

Training & informational sessions led by:

**Maine State Planning Office**

**Maine Department of Labor SafetyWorks!**

**Maine Department of Environmental Protection**

&

other experienced and knowledgeable presenters

**A diverse group of vendors in the exhibit hall**

**Recyclathon Safety Rodeo Competition & Prizes**

**North Shore Comedy Night  
Door Prizes**

### *Why you and your staff should attend:*

- **DEP Training** - do it right to avoid fines and the cost of after-the-fact cleanup
- **SafetyWorks! Training** - avoid lost work hours, lost wages, pain and suffering from injuries, lawsuits, and increased workers comp premiums
- **Increased efficiency and productivity** - let the experience of others help you and your staff get more done in less time

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coming just might save you  
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## Conference Sponsors

**OneSteel Recycling, Inc.**

**Maine State Planning Office**

Cascades Group

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## Annual MRRA Awards

The MRRA is soliciting nominations for our annual awards for:

**Best Manager**

**Best Operator/Attendant**

**Best Program**

**Most Improved Program**

**Volunteer of the Year**

**Composter of the Year**

**Business Recycler of the Year** (that is not a recycling business!)

**Outstanding Material Quality**

**Distinguished Service Award.**

To nominate a person or program contact MRRA @ 942-6772.

## Scholarships Available

With thanks to the Maine State Planning Office, a limited number of scholarships are available.

Students and volunteers are eligible for a full one-day \$110 scholarship while businesses and towns/programs are eligible for 2/3 of a one-day \$75 scholarships.

Scholarships are intended for participants representing first-time attendance at the conference only. For applications contact MRRA @ 942-6772.

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7:30 - 8:45 AM Registration & Breakfast Buffet - Exhibit Hall.

8:00 AM Forklift Certification Training (continues until Noon)

This four-hour course run by the SafetyWorks! staff of the Department of Labor, will train forklift operators to OSHA/DOL safety standards. Operators must be recertified every 3 years. **Advance registration required!**

8:45 AM **Concurrent Sessions:**

New State Reporting: What will be new in your annual report? The DEP & the State Planning Office will cover the changes that have been implemented in the municipal solid waste reports. Becky Secret will also demonstrate ReTrac software that can make compiling your report easier.

Bulky & Wood Wastes: What are the impacts of biomass processing? Energy & environmental concerns have contributed to confusion on what the biomass plants will and will not accept for burning. Hear from the DEP, processors & end users on what is required to minimize costs and maximize value. Also, what other demolition debris items can be recycled and how?

10:00 AM Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall Please be sure to visit our sponsors and vendors who make the conference possible!

10:30 AM **Concurrent Sessions:**

Disaster!!! Now what? Planning ahead can save a fortune in cleanup expenses when you are faced with the unexpected. Floods, ice storms, wildfires, earthquakes. We never expect it to happen to us. But it has and will again. Will you be prepared for the waste avalanche?

The good, the bad & the ugly - SafetyWorks! gives a virtual tour. Learn what they look for when they inspect you. What makes for a safe workplace and common hazards inspectors encounter but wish they didn't! Get tips on making your operation as safe as possible.

11:45 AM Exhibit Hall

12:15 PM Lunch: Welcome & Introductions

1:00 PM Keynote Address: Understanding the Economic & Environmental Impacts of Single-stream  
Susan Collins, Executive Director, Container Recycling Institute

1:30 PM Dessert

2:00 PM **Concurrent Sessions:**

Understanding economic & environmental impacts of single-stream Susan Collins of CRI & Clarissa Morawski, author of the study that CRI commissioned, will expand upon the keynote address.

Safety: Walking & Working Surfaces: Slips, Trips & Falls The Department of Labor SafetyWorks! program will conduct this safety training session which is *mandatory for all Recyclathon participants* & highly recommended for all!!

HHW & Drug Collections (continues until 4:00) Collecting household hazardous wastes is complex and expensive. One-day events or permanent collection centers are better than letting these items into the environment. Hear from those who run them what is involved.

3:10 PM **Concurrent Sessions:**

Single-stream: Other perspectives What have the results been? What impact has it had on the end users? A panel of speakers including Kevin Roche of ecomaine, Eric Benoit of the Cascades Group and others will bring a variety of views on the issue.

RECYCLATHON XVII - Safety Rodeo Forklift & skid steer (if available) operators will show off their skills & compete for prizes. All participants MUST attend the 2:00 PM Safety session! Judging will be based on safe operation!

4:20 PM Exhibit Hall & Happy Hour Reception Visit the vendors while also enjoying appetizers, networking & a cash bar.

5:30 PM Awards Dinner & Comedy Night: Wonderful food, networking & laughter! A great way to wrap up a great day!

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8:30 AM Plenary Session: Product Stewardship - An Introduction Sierra Fletcher, Senior Associate - Policy and Programs, Product Stewardship Institute Sierra works on projects related to fluorescent lights, medical sharps, and pharmaceuticals and has extensive experience teaching environmental education in Maine.

9:00 AM Concurrent Sessions:  
Product Stewardship & Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Each year more and more manufacturers are realizing that they have an interest in seeing that the products they make do not pollute the environment when their useful life is over. Many are, or are being forced, to take direct responsibility. Some examples include deposit bottles, TVs, CRTs, CFLs, rechargeable batteries, mercury switches and thermostats. Learn about new initiatives and how you can become involved and take advantage?

Negotiating Contracts: Getting What You Want Making sure that what was bid was what you thought you were asking for can be tricky. How can you make sure that it's apples to apples and not apples to oranges? Learn how to ensure that the deal you get is the deal you wanted.

Hazards in Your Waste Stream: Recognition & Response (continues until Noon) No one wants to be exposed to a hazard to life or health. Yet hazardous materials could show up at your facility at any time. DEP, SafetyWorks! and hazardous waste experts will provide guidance on how to recognize a potential hazard and how to protect yourself, your staff and the public.

10:15 AM Coffee Break in the Exhibit Hall Be sure & visit our sponsors/exhibitors who make this all possible!

10:45 AM Concurrent Sessions:  
One Word: Plastics! That was the advice given Dustin Hoffman if the 1967 movie The Graduate. Today we know all too well that it is much more than one word when it comes to recycling - PET, HDPE, PVC, LDPE, PP, PS, 3-7! Representatives from plastic recycling efforts will offer to unravel the complexities that we need to understand.

Pay As You Throw (PAYT) or Pay Per Bag PAYT has been one of the great success stories of solid waste management over the last decade. Many communities have used this method to reduce disposal costs and increase recycling tonnage significantly. What is involved? How can you make the change to pay per bag? Hear from those who made the change.

12:00 - 12:20 PM Plenary Session: Focus on the Future Ron Perkins, Executive Director, Ag Container Recycling Council Ron is a nationally recognized pioneer in the solid waste management profession who will offer his thoughts on where we've been and where we might be headed.

12:20 PM Exhibit Hall - Your last chance to visit the vendors that you might have missed.

12:45 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Dessert & Coffee

1:30 PM Concurrent Sessions:  
Universal Waste Training Eric Hamlin of the DEP will present the training update on Universal Waste rules.

Into the Future: Looking Ahead No one has a crystal ball. That being said, we'll have representatives of Maine's state agencies joined by several of our nationally recognized speakers to discuss and answer your questions about changes and potential changes in State Law as well as potential happenings on the national scene. Their extensive solid waste experience can offer insights on what may lie ahead.

3:00 PM Cash Door Prize Raffle *You MUST be present to win!!!*

*Thanks for coming and have a safe trip home!*  
SESSION SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE & SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**17TH ANNUAL MAINE RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**  
 Please copy this form for additional registrants. Please Print Clearly. Deadline: Friday April 16th. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Company / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**Join Today!:** If your organization is not already an MRRA member, you can join today, pay the reduced member registration fee, and your membership will continue through June 2011!

**Please circle one if joining today: Dues: Individual \$30    Municipal \$40    Business \$100**

**Registration:**

	Members	Nonmembers
Please list any special meal requirements: _____		
_____ One-day ( <b>Circle one: Monday or Tuesday</b> )	\$110.00	\$125.00
_____ Two-day	\$210.00	\$225.00

\_\_\_\_\_ ***I will attend the Monday Dinner\* (We need an accurate head count!)***

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the Forklift Training\*

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the DEP Universal Waste Training\*

**\*ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Hotel Reservations:** MRRA will **only** accept reservations for MRRA marketing members who will have room fees deducted from marketing revenue. All others please book your rooms directly with the Samoset Resort as soon as possible @ 800-341-1650. Mention "Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference." Room rates are \$109 + 7% tax single or double.

Arrival date: 04/\_\_\_\_\_/10      Departure Date: 04/\_\_\_\_\_/10      Total Nights: \_\_\_\_\_

Single Occupancy    \_\_\_\_\_ \$110/night

Double Occupancy    \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 55/night    Sharing with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Deduct from Revenue (Marketing Members ONLY)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to MRRA enclosed. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Valid company / municipal purchase order attached.

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**Registrations are refundable only if canceled by the registration cutoff date of Friday, April 16th.**  
**Mail registration form to: MRRA, PO Box 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838 or fax to 207-942-4017.**  
 For more information contact John Albertini, Program Coordinator at 207-942-6772 or john.albertini@mrra.net

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