



# The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

June 2008

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **MRRA Board of Directors Meetings**

**Wednesday, July 23, 10:00 AM, via conference call**

**Thursday, August 28, Noon, State Planning Office, Augusta**

**Thursday, September 25, Noon, MRRA office, Bangor**

### **MRRA Annual Meeting / Tour / Workshop**

**Monday, September 29 (tentative)**

**Plans include a tour of the Katahdin Paper recycling mill in East Millinocket to be the highlight of the meeting. More information to follow as arrangements are finalized.**

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# RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

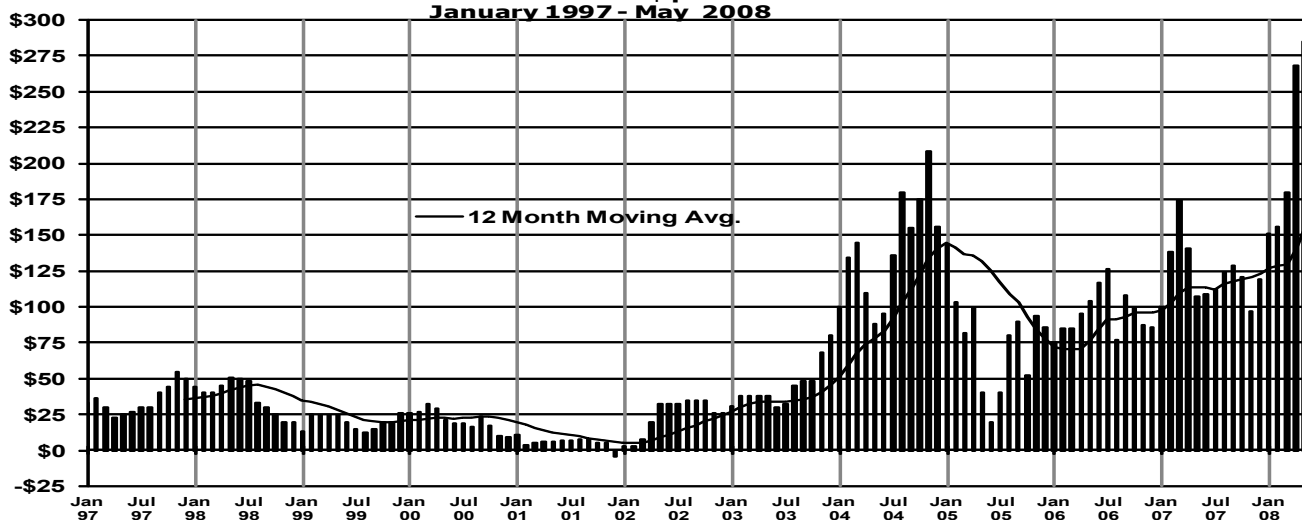
**We leverage our members' tonnage, seeking new markets to get YOU the best prices. How do our prices compare to what you are being offered?**

Unfortunately, the outlook on prices has gotten quite grim. Paper prices have started decreasing with OCC down \$25+ in the last three months. It would seem that the poor economy has finally hit the recycling markets. Be prepared for more and larger price decreases in the near term. Only the metal prices seem to be immune to the poor forecasts. There is nothing on the horizon to indicate better news ahead.

**All prices are net to you and subject to changing market conditions.**

	June '08	March '08	June '07
OCC	\$91-111	\$136	\$96
#8 NEWS	\$121	\$126	\$96
Mixed Paper	\$71-76	\$71-76	\$56
SOW	\$211	\$231	\$176
HDPE Natural	\$696	\$766	\$636
HDPE Mixed	\$516	\$586	\$496
HDPE Colored	\$416	\$546	\$416
PET (full load)	\$396	\$436	\$351
Tin Cans	\$281-291	\$150-157	\$105
Scrap Metal (del.)	\$161	\$121	\$52
Tires (negative)	-\$104	-\$104	-\$104

**Steel Cans - US \$ per ton  
January 1997 - May 2008**



### MRRRA Board of Directors Nomination Form

To: Members, Maine Resource Recovery Association  
From: Mark Draper, President, Board of Directors

Please use this form to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors of the MRRRA for the coming year. The MRRRA Board is made up of 10 elected voting members and 2 appointed members (representing the Maine State Planning Office & Maine DEP) that direct the policies of the MRRRA. We would like to give more people with an interest in, or knowledge of, solid waste & recycling issues the chance to participate in MRRRA. We are asking our members to nominate potential Board members. These nominations will be compiled by a committee and then the membership will vote on the nominees at our Annual Meeting / Workshop in the fall.

If you are unsure of what MRRRA is, or what serving on the Board means as far as time commitment is concerned, please feel free to call me at 473-7840. **If you are interested in serving you need to nominate yourself even if you are currently a member of the Board!**

If you know of anyone who you think would be a good Board member please ask them if they are interested before you nominate them. The Board usually meets one afternoon per month. This is usually during the work week so if getting time off from work may be a problem please indicate this on your nomination. Also, several meetings a year are now done via conference calls.

Nomination made by: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons I wish to serve on (or I think the nominee would be an asset to) the Board of MRRRA:

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Please mail this filled-out form to Mark Draper, Tri-Community, PO Box 605, Caribou, ME 04736 or fax it to MRRRA at 207-942-4017. Please try and get it to us by August 8th so the committee will have time for any follow up and to prepare ballots. Thank you.

## 2008 Maine Legislative Solid Waste Bills Passed into Law

The Maine legislature enacted several laws affecting solid waste during their most recent session:

### **LD 810 An Act To Improve Solid Waste Management**

Extends the statutory recycling and source reduction requirements to solid waste processing facilities;

Reaffirms the policy of the State to use the solid waste hierarchy provided in the Maine Revised Statutes as a guide in decision making related to solid waste management & that this policy applies to solid waste generated in Maine and imported into Maine;

Requires the SPO to include analyses of marketplace consolidation and solid waste landfill fill rates in the annual solid waste generation and disposal capacity report;

Directs the DEP to prepare a report on solid waste odor management;

Directs the DEP and the SPO to develop a system by which solid waste management activities are performed by the agencies; and

Requires the DEP to prepare a report detailing a method for setting mandatory recycling standards for all solid waste disposal facilities.

### **LD 1964 To Require Rulemaking Concerning Landfill Gas and Odor Management**

Resolved: That the DEP, Board of Environmental Protection, shall adopt rules concerning landfill gas and odor management that incorporate standards to measure compliance. By January 15, 2009, the DEP shall submit a report on the status of the rules to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

### **LD 2119 An Act To Amend Certain Laws Related to Environmental Protection**

Clarifies that municipalities must inspect, monitor and maintain their closed landfills to ensure that the landfill caps and other closure measures remain effective;

Amends the law requiring the DEP to pay 90% of municipal landfill remediation costs to incorporate a cross-reference to other provisions of law that reduce the department share to 50% and zero in certain circumstances;

Eliminates the requirement that the DEP report to the Legislature regarding the progress, adequacy of funding and any legislation needed to achieve reduction of tire stockpiles and beneficial reuse of tires since this report is no longer required;

Amends the laws governing tire stockpile abatement and uncontrolled hazardous substance sites to make the language regarding recovery of natural resources damages consistent with corresponding language under the oil spill cleanup laws;

Amends the law banning the sale of mattresses, mattress pads and residential upholstered furniture that contain the flame retardant decabromodiphenyl ether to make it clear that they may not be sold in Maine after January 1, 2008 regardless of how the chemical is applied to or incorporated into the product; and

Repeals the requirement to report annually on the removal, collection and recycling of mercury switches in motor vehicles and directs the DEP to recommend repeal of the switch removal and recycling requirements when the commissioner determines that the number of mercury switches available for collection is too small to warrant continuation of the program.

## **Skills Inc.**

### **E-Waste, Computer Reuse, Computer Donation, Computer Recycling, Electronics Recycling, Asset Recovery**

#### **Types of Service**

Computer Recycling, Computer Reuse, Drop Off Service (Waterville location), Pickup Service (New England)

#### **Description**

Skills Inc. is now providing computer reuse & recycling services to individuals and businesses throughout Maine. Drop off recycling is an option at our Waterville recycling center, and Pickup Services are offered for businesses (minimum volume applies).

Our unique asset recovery program helps to greatly reduce your e-waste recycling costs by offering a reuse option. These credits are earned for each piece of computer equipment that can be reused and are applied to the recycling costs of your older computer equipment. This method provides an efficient and cost effective way for businesses to offset recycling costs while providing computers for noteworthy social programs such as the PC's for MAINE non-profit computer access & literacy project. Recycling cost savings experienced by participating businesses range from 38 to 85%.

#### **Waterville Recycling Center Drop Off Hours:**

Monday – Friday, 8am to 4pm      Closed on State and Federal Holidays

#### **Computer Pickup Information:**

Contact: Chris Martin or Carol Gilpatrick at (207) 877-0522 or e-mail: [recycle@skillsinc.net](mailto:recycle@skillsinc.net)

## **Attention Maine Transfer Stations! You are Needed for an Upcoming Study**

Maine Resource Recovery Association, a non-profit organization, dedicated to sound solid waste management practices is developing a new and exciting program.

The program will include an on-site evaluation of your transfer station, examining such factors as traffic flow, safety, building and storage utilization, labor deployment, customer service, and a simple cost-benefit analysis. The target start date is summer 2009. This will be a no cost evaluation for the town with each county covered.

If your town or organization is interested in an evaluation designed to improve the operating efficiency of your transfer station, please take a moment and fax (942-4017) or email ([mrra.victor@verizon.net](mailto:mrra.victor@verizon.net)) us your contact information including organization and a brief description of your current systems for handling MSW and Recycling.

### Make This Your Last Paper Issue of The Scrap Paper!!

We would like to make this your last hard copy of The Scrap Paper.

Beginning with the next issue, we are offering a new way to receive your newsletter: sent to your e-mail inbox as a .PDF file which is readable with the free Adobe Acrobat Reader.

This process will offer several advantages to you & MRRRA including faster delivery, better, full-color pictures & graphics, embedded hyperlinks, easily saveable to your hard drive for future reference and cost savings on printing & postage.

If you would like to stop getting the paper version and start getting the e-mail version, please clearly print your e-mail address below and either fax this page to MRRRA at 207-942-4017 or mail it to MRRRA PO Box 1838 Bangor ME 04402-1838.

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Don't Forget: MAINE RECYCLES WEEK

Each year Maine celebrates Maine Recycles Week from November 8th-15th. Plan your own unique festivities to encourage increased recycling in your community! For more information visit [www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/index.php](http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/index.php) or contact Bruce White at the State Planning Office (287-8053 or 800-662-4545 or [Bruce.White@maine.gov](mailto:Bruce.White@maine.gov)).

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