



The Scrap Paper

***Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association
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***Solid Waste Conference
Northeast Resource Recovery Association
June 7th & 8th
Waterville Valley Resort, Waterville Valley, NH
For more info call 603-798-5777 or email nrra@tds.net***

***Let's Talk Trash
2nd Annual SWANA Solid Waste Conference
Thursday, June 17th
Boxboro Holiday Inn, Boxboro, MA***

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RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

We leverage our members' tonnage and constantly seek out new markets to get YOU the best possible prices. How do our prices compare to what you are being offered elsewhere?

Please be advised that mills are indicating that the quality of the material they are receiving has been very poor recently (from all over New England). All recyclers are reminded that the quality of your material is your responsibility. Please ensure that your loads are not downgraded, or rejected entirely, due to contamination with off-specification materials!!!

The economy continues to show modest signs of recovery, although jobs growth remains weak. Export (primarily China) demand has also helped move many prices higher. Metal and Natural HDPE prices have been especially good in recent months. There are starting to be reports that metal & plastic prices may head lower and some paper prices may also weaken, especially if the strong Chinese buying declines.

	May '04	February '04	May '03
OCC	\$ 81-91	\$ 76-84	\$ 61
#8 NEWS	\$ 86+	\$ 76-81	\$ 51-66
Mixed Paper	\$ 51-55	\$ 38-51	\$ 30-38.50
SOW	\$ 116-121	\$ 111-126	\$ 106-111
White Ledger	\$ 176	\$ 176-181	\$ 161
HDPE Natural	\$ 416	\$ 376-416	\$ 286-296
HDPE Mixed	\$ 276	\$ 306	\$ 196-226
HDPE Colored	\$ 256	\$ 276-286	\$ 196-206
PET (full load)	\$ 336	\$ 324	\$ 246
Tin Cans	\$ 105 pending	\$ 92-127	\$ 18-29
Scrap Metal	all prices by quote & differ with freight mileage		
Clear Glass delivered	\$ 11	\$ 6	\$ 6
Tires	-\$104	-\$104	-\$104

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

Getting Down with Solid Waste and Recyclables

A mini-conference to explore the details of transfer station management

Tuesday, June 15, 2004

9:00 AM to 2:30 PM

Hilton Garden Inn, Downtown Auburn

sponsored by

MRRA and AVCOG

8:30 AM Registration & Breakfast

9:00 AM Concurrent Sessions:

Collecting Mercury Containing Products

Speakers will discuss handling of Mercury containing products at transfer stations/recycling centers and developing regional approaches to collecting, consolidating, and recycling the products. AVCOG coordinates a regional program that has some of the best pricing in Maine. (**Sam Morris, Carol Fuller, and Ron Slater**)

Working With Wood Waste

The session will explore establishing demolition wood waste grinding programs to replace those ugly, health degrading, but admittedly cheap, open burn piles. Speakers will cover site setup, bidding the services, and quality control. It will also cover collecting and handling loose demolition wood waste for those towns not having the space for on site grinding. Regional concepts will be explored also. (**Ferg Lea, Wayne Ricker, Alison McCrady & Commercial Paving & Recycling**)

10:15 AM Concurrent Tours: (a bus over & back will be provided for the group)

Tours of the Sabattus Transfer Station and Recycling Center (two tour groups as noted). **Jerry Sabins**, the Operator, won the MRRA award for Manager of the Year in 2003 for good reason. He operates a well run facility on a minimal budget. See what he's doing. Jerry will provide a brief overview of the site and be available to answer general questions about the facility.

Tour I: Education: Bruce White (SPO) will lead a tour focusing on how to conduct a tour of a solid waste facility for the public, especially school kids.

Tour II: Safety: Ron Slater and Rhonda Irish will conduct a tour focusing on the safety aspects of running a facility. This will be an interactive session where participants help pick out the safe and the hazardous aspects of a facility.

12:15 PM Lunch

1:00 PM Peer Interaction and Brainstorming

This session will model a "Brainstorming for Ideas" session while providing participants the opportunity to learn more about each other and especially the programs they run and the facilities they operate. You will have the opportunity to ask others how they do things, share your ideas and frustrations, and provide input on your needs from MRRA.

1:45 PM Tour of City of Lewsiton Transfer Station & Recycling Center

See Registration form on page 4

MAINE RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

Spring Workshop & Tour

Tuesday, June 15th, 2004 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn

From South: Take Exit 12 off of the Maine Turnpike and turn left onto Route 202 North. Follow 202 until the intersection of 202 and Court St. Go straight and turn right onto Hampshire St. Follow Hampshire St. to the hotel.

From North: Take Exit 13 off the Maine Turnpike and turn left onto Route 202. Follow 202 through Lewiston and cross over the Adroscoggin River. Turn right onto Great Falls Plaza Rd. Follow to hotel.

Members: \$30, \$35 after June 7th Non-members: \$40, \$45 after June 7th

Registration Deadline: Thursday, Friday, June 9th - space permitting.

To register: fill out this form and fax it to 942-4017 or mail a copy to MRRRA, PO Box 1838, Bangor ME 04402-1838

Name: _____

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Organization: _____

Billing Address: _____ City/State/Zip Code _____

_____ Check enclosed / Check to follow by mail

_____ Deduct from Revenue (please initial _____)

_____ Credit Card: Please circle one: Mastercard Visa

Print name as it appears on the credit card: _____

CC #: _____ Expiration date: _____

Signature: _____

RECYCLING NEWS

Recycling & Solid Waste Awards Presented

The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) announced the recipients of its annual awards at Maine's 11th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference on April 5th & 6th, 2004:

Lifetime Achievement Awards:

Ferg Lea, Planning Director/Environmental Engineer, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments

George MacDonald, Manager, Waste Management & Recycling Program, Maine State Planning Office

Distinguished Service Award: **Kenneth Hensler**, formerly Solid Waste Director, Tri-Community Sanitary Landfill

Program of the Year: **Town of Freeport** – Bart Carhart, Director of Solid Waste & Mike Pottle, Site Manager

Business Recycler of the Year: **The Colony Hotel**, Kennebunkport

Donna Kabay, General Manager & Cathy MacKinnon, Environmental Programs Manager

Manager of the Year: **Alison McCrady**, General Manager, Norway-Paris Solid Waste

Operator of the Year: **Scotch Pankonin**, Attendant/ Recycling Coordinator, Town of St. George

Volunteer of the Year: **Jim Doherty**, Town of Brunswick

Outstanding Material Quality Award: **Town of Islesboro**

Composter of the Year: **Ted Brown**, Environmental Affairs Manager, Hannaford Bros. Co.

Most Improved Program Award: **Town of West Gardiner**

Gregory Couture, Merton Hickey – Selectmen, Joseph Ware, Volunteer

Also at the conference, the **Governor's Awards for Waste Reduction** were presented by George MacDoanld to:

Private Sector

Coca Cola of Maine, Oakley Jones, General Manager

Seltzer & Rydholm, Larry Pullen, Executive Vice President

Public Sector

Northern Maine Solid Waste Management Committee aka "The Garbage Group"

MRRA congratulates and salutes the excellent example these individuals and organizations contribute to Maine's nation-leading solid waste management industry.

Winners of the Forklift Safety Rodeo for 2004 were:

1st place – **Shawn Hiscock**, Sandy River Recycling; • **2nd place** – **Warren Hewes**, Town of Wiscasset;

3rd place – **Clyde Merrill**, Town of Skowhegan; • **4th place** – **Billy Andrews**, Environ Services.

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You have already done this. Thank you!!

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