



The Scrap Paper

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Calendar

Thursday, February 24, Bangor

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

Thursday, March 24, Augusta

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

Thursday, April 28, Bangor

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

**Monday & Tuesday, May 2nd & 3rd, Atlantic Oakes, Bar Harbor
12th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference**

Thursday, May 26, Augusta

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

Thursday, June 23, Bangor

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

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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 let us know!

Material prices held up very well for this time of year. We have not seen the "normal" seasonal price drops of previous years with the exception of Mixed Paper. Reports anticipate that China will boost buying in the months ahead which should at least put a floor under prices & may lead to price increases. Now if only the Mixed Paper mills closer to home can get back to running well again!!!

	February '05	February '04	
OCC	\$ 96	\$ 71 - 84	
#8 NEWS	\$ 76 - 81	\$ 81	
Mixed Paper	\$ 23 - 52	\$ 42 - 52	
Sorted Office	\$121 - 126	\$121 - 126	
White Ledger	\$196	\$176	
#2 HDPE Natural	\$526	\$376 - 416	
#2 HDPE Mixed	\$506	\$306	
#2 HDPE Colored	\$506	\$276 - 286	
#1 PET (full load)	\$406	\$366	
Tin Cans (full load)	\$ 98	\$127	
Scrap Metal	\$ 34	\$ 27 - 36	delivered
Glass	\$ -4 - +5	\$ -3 - +6	delivered
Tires	\$ -96 - -104	\$ -96 - -104	negative

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

RECYCLING NEWS

12TH ANNUAL MAINE RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE CONFERENCE MAY 2ND & 3RD, ATLANTIC OAKES, BAR HARBOR, MAINE

The MRRA Education Committee is hard at work planning to make this year's conference the best yet. So mark you calendar now and plan to join with over 200 other solid waste professionals at the only statewide conference specifically geared to our industry. Registration material should arrive in your mailbox sometime in mid-March.

COMPOST BINS FOR SALE AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE



MRRA is offering compost bins for sale to towns to help reduce the waste going to the transfer station. Please give us a call us at 942-6772 or email Victor Horton, Executive Director at mrra.victor@verizon.net if you would like more information. The program runs through May 18, 2005 and the bins will be delivered by June 24, 2005. The bins, which normally retail for \$80, are being sold for \$36.50, tax included.

EARN REWARDS BY RECYCLING INK-JET AND LASER CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES THROUGH FUNDINGFACTORY

Non-profit organizations can register on-line at www.FundingFactory.com FundingFactory then sends materials to help get your collection program started. They award points for each item returned to them in the free postage paid boxes and the points can be used to get rewards or cash.

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
BUREAU OF REMEDIATION AND WASTE MANAGEMENT**

<http://www.state.me.us/dep/rwm/index.htm>

MAINE'S E-WASTE LAW

On April 22, 2004, Governor John Baldacci signed a first-in-the-nation e-waste law that requires manufacturers, consumers and government to share responsibility for the recycling of computer monitors and televisions generated as wastes by households in Maine. This law is called An Act to Protect Public Health and the Environment by Providing for a System of Shared Responsibility for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Electronic Waste.

Summary of Maine's shared responsibility system for recycling of televisions and computer monitors. computers piled up

Electronic waste is a growing component of our solid waste stream. Many electronics products contain chemicals that can negatively affect our health and the environment, such as heavy metals, brominated flame retardants, and PVC plastic that creates dioxins when burned. For these reasons, Maine legislators crafted a law that seeks to maximize recycling and to encourage manufacturers to design and produce products that are less toxic and more recyclable by making them responsible for some of the costs of recycling.

Maine already has laws that prohibit the disposal of mercury-added products and cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and require the recycling of these products when they are generated as wastes by businesses [see Chapter 850, section 3.A(13) and the Universal Waste Handbook] . **Mercury-added products generated as wastes by households will also have to be recycled as of January 1, 2005, and televisions and computer monitors from households will have to be recycled beginning no later than January 1, 2006.**

Many municipalities have already begun collecting and recycling mercury-added products, televisions and computer monitors. Other municipalities will be deciding over the next year how best to meet their obligation to ensure their residents' computer monitors and televisions are delivered to consolidation facilities, where they will be tracked and shipped for recycling. Manufacturers will begin to pay a portion of the handling and recycling costs for these household waste televisions and computer monitors beginning January 1, 2006. Also, the State Planning Office Waste Management & Recycling Program has a grant program to help municipalities develop storage facilities for the collection of mercury-added products, and televisions and computer monitors.

**MAINE STATE PLANNING OFFICE
WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING PROGRAM**

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/>

GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FOR WASTE REDUCTION

Applications are now being accepted for the '2005 Governor's Waste Reduction Awards'

The Governor's Waste Reduction Award is a public service awards program sponsored by the Maine State Planning Office. It is designed to recognize outstanding efforts by public and private organizations and businesses to promote solid waste *reduction* efforts in Maine.

For more information go to: <http://www.recyclemaine.com/>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COST-SHARE FUNDING:

The Waste Management & Recycling Program is accepting applications for cost-sharing support related to the collection and management of Household Hazardous Waste. Any public entity can apply for these grants for up to 50% reimbursement of costs related to Household Hazardous Waste collections. If your community has or is planning to have a HHW collection event at any point between September 15th 2003 and December 31st 2004 and have not yet applied for reimbursement do so by visiting our "grants" page or contact Sam Morris at 287-8054 or Sam.Morris@maine.gov.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE INFORMATIONAL VIDEO

New, Dec 2004! Informational Video by Sarah Wojcoski, a recycling coordinator with the communities of Saco and Scarborough. Funded by the Maine State Planning Office. To order contact Sam Morris at Sam.Morris@maine.gov or 287-8054.

MAINE RECYCLES WEEK, NOVEMBER 8-15

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/>

It's not too soon to begin planning activities for Maine Recycles Week, November 8-15, 2005. Assistance is available from The State Planning Office. Please contact Bruce White at Bruce.White@maine.gov or 1-800-662-4545 (direct line, 207-287-8053).

MAINE RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

**To Be Presented At The Dinner Reception
Monday May 2, 2005
Atlantic Oakes, Bar Harbor, Maine**

Deadlines for Nomination: Postmarked by March 21, 2005 & received by March 25, 2005

Individual Award Categories:

- ◆ **Recycling or Solid Waste Manager of the Year**
- ◆ **Operator of the Year**
- ◆ **Program of the Year**
- ◆ **Volunteer of the Year**
- ◆ **Most Improved Program**
- ◆ **Composter of the Year**
- ◆ **Outstanding Quality Award**
- ◆ **Recycling Business of the Year**
- ◆ **Distinguished Service Award**

Criteria Guidelines for the Awards:

- ◆ Were there unusual problems to solve in the program?
- ◆ Was there a creative approach to solving the problem?
- ◆ Did the nominee use a cost-effective approach or creative use of limited resources?
- ◆ Did the nominee demonstrate leadership in rallying public support?
- ◆ Was the nominee addressing difficult to manage waste?
- ◆ Include the degree of commitment and the impact on the environment if appropriate?
- ◆ Include any information that would help the committee choose your nominee.

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by 5:00 PM March 25, 2005

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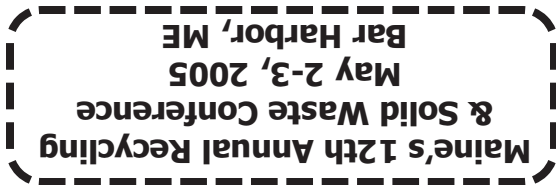
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