



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 12, SPO, Augusta

MRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM

Thursday, July 26

MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, August 23, SPO, Augusta

MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon

Thursday, September 27, MRRA office, Bangor

MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon (tentative)

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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?

2007 has been a roller coaster ride thus far. Following paper price increases from December through March to prices not seen in many years, April through June saw prices slide back down to more "usual" levels although still above historical norms. SOW has shown continued strength. While most paper mills in the region appear to be well-stocked, the export market has shown signs of increased interest which might lead to a swing to higher prices as we head into summer. Scrap Metal prices have continued the climb they started in March but Steel Cans slid lower. Plastics prices have also improved slightly.

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

	June '07	March '07	June '06
OCC	\$ 96	\$146	\$ 66
#8 NEWS	\$ 96	\$126	\$ 66
Mixed Paper	\$ 56	\$ 71-76	\$ 37-44
SOW	\$176	\$166	\$121
HDPE Natural	\$636	\$601	\$476
HDPE Mixed	\$496	\$476	\$416
HDPE Colored	\$416	\$341	\$236
PET (full load)	\$351	\$336	\$381
Steel (Tin) Cans	\$105	\$166-176	\$106
Scrap Metal (delivered)	\$ 52	\$ 40	\$ 43
Tires (negative)	-\$104	-\$104	-\$104

Federal E-Waste Legislation Outline Proposed

www.eia.org/news/pressreleases/2007-05-24.347.phtml

The Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA) has released a consensus framework that paves the way for federal legislation establishing a national program for recycling household TVs and information technology (IT) products such as computers and computer monitors.

Throwplace.com

This is a Web site where businesses and individuals may list excess inventory, possessions or goods for donation. Charities, businesses or individuals registered with Throwplace.com are able to search the site for things that they can use, and make requests for items of interest. Items listed on Throwplace are not for sale—they are to be given away.

Debra's List

www.dld123.com/debraslist/index.html

This site organizes, makes accessible, and makes known the wide variety of products and services that are available with life-sustaining health and environmental benefits...and strives to inspire you to use them in your everyday life.

Many websites delve deeply into a single product. But as consumers, we are purchasing a wide spectrum of products for our everyday lives. So this list is more about variety than completeness, and quality over quantity. It's like putting together an enormous puzzle that eventually reveals a picture of a world that cares about supporting life. Mark this site as a "favorite" and visit again and again.

Refill Not Landfill

www.refillnotlandfill.org/about.html

This campaign, to encourage the use of any reusable container - whether it's a glass, a thermos or a mug - is about our commitment and dedication to doing our small part in helping preserve what natural resources we still have. In many ways, this idea has been in existence for more than 30 years when outdoor enthusiasts began refilling and reusing our bottles for water and food storage.

The difference with Refill Not Landfill is that we just want to make a difference.

Airline Industry Falls Short on Recycling

www.enn.com/today.html?id=11852

The airline industry wastes hundreds of thousands of dollars each year by discarding 4,250 tons of aluminum cans and other items that could be recycled, a new report says.

The study by the Natural Resources Defense Council examined recycling efforts at 30 U.S. airports. The report found the industry threw out 9,000 tons of plastic and enough newspapers and magazines to fill a football field to a depth of over 230 feet. "Airlines in the U.S. throw away enough aluminum cans every year to build 58 new 747s," said Allen Hershkowitz, a senior scientist at NRDC. "Along with a huge amount of recyclable waste, the industry is throwing away a significant amount of money."

The Truth About Recycling

www.economist.com/search/PrinterFriendly.cfm?story_id=9249262

A recent edition of The Economist, an authoritative weekly focusing on politics & business news and opinion, based in England, published the above titled article. The article gives a global perspective to the importance of recycling and answers many of the questions raised by the public about recycling.

The only term you may not be familiar with is "lorries" which are what the Brits call trucks.

Legislative Update

The first regular session of the 123rd Maine Legislature passed several bills related to solid waste. Outlined below are our synopses of the relevant bills as located on the state's website as of June 22nd, 2007. The first six below have been signed by the Governor. Full texts of these bills may be found using the search page at www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/default.asp

LD 301 An Act Relating to Alternate Directors for Public Waste Disposal Corporations

This bill allows a municipality participating in a public waste disposal corporation to elect one or more alternate directors to serve in the absence of the director elected by the municipal officers.

LD 935 An Act To Continue To Ensure the Long-term Capacity of Municipal Landfills

This changes the provisions that define "commercial solid waste disposal facility" by providing that:

1. A municipally owned landfill is a commercial landfill if it accepts waste that is not generated within the State unless the commissioner finds that the acceptance of that waste provides a substantial public benefit and the acceptance of that waste is approved by a majority of the voters of the municipality; and

2. Other publicly owned landfills, owned by public waste disposal corporations and refuse disposal districts, are commercial landfills if they accept waste that is not generated within the State unless the commissioner finds that the acceptance of that waste provides a substantial public benefit.

It does not make any changes to the definition of commercial landfill relating to state-owned landfills.

"Waste that is generated within the State" includes: residue and bypass generated by incineration, processing and recycling facilities within the State; waste whether generated within the State or outside of the State used for daily cover, frost protection or stability; and waste generated within 30 miles of the facility.

It adds a new standard to be applied when the Commissioner of Environmental Protection makes a public benefit determination relating to the acceptance of waste that is not generated within the State.

LD 1234 An Act To Require Clear Warnings on Light Bulbs Containing Mercury

Under current law, a retailer may not knowingly sell in this State a mercury-added product unless the item is labeled to clearly inform the purchaser/consumer that mercury is present in the item and that it may not be disposed of or placed in a waste stream destined for disposal until the mercury is removed and reused, recycled or otherwise managed to ensure that it does not become part of solid waste or wastewater. This bill amends the definition of "mercury-added product" to include light bulbs containing mercury, including long-lasting energy efficient bulbs that are currently available.

LD 1313 An Act To Amend the Solid Waste Management Laws

This bill

1. Adds a state policy to encourage waste reduction measures and maximize waste diversion.

2. Establishes a Solid Waste Management Advisory Council to meet annually, replacing a task force that met every 5 years.

3. Changes the Executive Department, State Planning Office's solid waste capacity and recycling report from biannual to annual.

4. Changes the disposal capacity threshold by which the State Planning Office is required to submit a recommendation on the construction and operation of a state-owned solid waste disposal facility to the Legislature from 4 years to 6 years.

It clarifies that waste reduction measures from all sources should be promoted. It clarifies that the Solid Waste Management Advisory Council created by the bill is established to advise and assist the Executive Department, State Planning Office as may be appropriate. It makes the Director of the State Planning Office and the Commissioner of Environmental Protection, or their designees, nonvoting members of the advisory council.

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LD 1717 An Act To Promote Recycling of Cellular Telephones

It requires retailers to accept used cell phones from any person beginning January 1, 2008. It also deletes from the bill the provision making it unlawful for retailers who do not comply with the law to sell cell phones in the State.

It prohibits the disposal of cell phones in solid waste disposal facilities. It requires service providers to report to the Department of Environmental Protection the number of cell phones collected and how the collected phones were disposed of, reused or recycled. It also requires the DEP to report on the collection program to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

LD 1778 An Act To Amend Certain Laws Administered by the DEP

It provides for the biennial report on hazardous waste handling prepared by the DEP to be filed directly with the Legislature by November 1st. The bill also eliminates the need for the report to include recommendations for legislative action to develop and establish needed hazardous waste facilities

It clarifies the law governing recycling of electronic waste by defining the term "consolidator" and amending the definitions of "consolidation facility" and "manufacturer."

It requires the DEP to submit the annual report on the removal of mercury switches from automobiles to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters.

It adds language that removes any ambiguity that might be read into the State's environmental protection laws regarding the DEP and Attorney General's shared responsibility for enforcement. It also adds language that removes any ambiguity that might be read into the DEP fee setting authority regarding the amount subject to increase when an application is submitted after its due date.

The last two bills are awaiting action by the Governor:

LD 1431 An Act To Provide for the Protection of Communities That Host a Solid Waste Disposal Facility or Incineration Facility

This bill requires solid waste disposal facilities and incineration facilities to have in place host community agreements and directs the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to establish a mediation process to hear and review disputes concerning host community agreements.

LD 1908 An Act To Implement Recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Solid Waste Management

It amends the provisions relating to a public benefit determination by requiring state-owned disposal facilities to provide a substantial public benefit and by authorizing the Department of Environmental Protection to revise a public benefit determination if a change in the underlying facts or circumstances upon which the determination was based has occurred or is proposed.

It prohibits state-owned solid waste disposal facilities from accepting waste that is not generated within the State.

It requires the DEP to submit recommendations on the sources of revenue from construction and demolition debris recycling and incineration that are sufficient to fund ambient air quality monitoring and landfill oversight. The report must be submitted to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources by January 15, 2008, and the committee is authorized to submit legislation relating to the recommendations to the Second Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

This amendment exempts from the provisions of the bill relating to public benefit determinations those solid waste disposal facilities that are owned by the State and currently in operation. It defines "waste generated within the State." It clarifies the reporting requirement in the bill to require the DEP to submit a report on funding options for the State's solid waste management program, including recommendations concerning potential sources of revenue from fees relating to construction and demolition debris to fund monitoring and compliance activities.

MARRA Board of Directors Nomination Form

To: Members, Maine Resource Recovery Association
From: Alison McCrady, President, Board of Directors

Please use this form to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors of the MARRA for the coming year. The MARRA 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 MARRA. We would like to give more people with an interest in, or knowledge of, solid waste & recycling issues the chance to participate in MARRA. 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 MARRA is, or what serving on the Board means as far as time commitment is concerned, please feel free to call me at 739-2739 and I will return your call. **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.

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 MARRA:

Please mail this filled-out form to Alison McCrady, 12 Russell St, South Paris, ME 04281 or fax it to MARRA at 207-942-4017. Please try and get it to us by August 17th so the committee will have time for any follow up and to prepare ballots. Thank you.

Awards Presented at Annual Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA) announced the recipients of its annual awards at Maine's 14th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference, on April 30th & May 1st. The following individuals, programs and businesses were recognized for their contributions to waste reduction and recycling efforts:

◆ **Composters of the Year: Sandy River Recycling & Town of Farmington Food Residual Compost Project: Ron Slater, Sandy River Recycling; Richard Davis, Town of Farmington; Chris Kinney, UMF/Aramark; Sharon Searles, Franklin Memorial Hospital; Mark King, Maine DEP; and Sam Morris, Maine State Planning Office**

- ◆ **Manager of the Year: Henry Chausse, Bay Area Transfer Station, Machias**
- ◆ **Operator of the Year: Glen Hawes, Readfield**
- ◆ **Program of the Year: Skowhegan, Randy Gray, Supervisor**
- ◆ **Volunteer of the Year: Cynthia Cushing, Readfield**

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

Winners of the Recyclathon Forklift Safety Rodeo held at the conference were:

- **1st place – Clyde Merrill - Skowhegan**
- **2nd place – Al White - Skowhegan**
- **3rd place – Shawn Dinsmore - Bristol / South Bristol**
- **4th place – Joyce Levesque - Coastal Recycling**

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 email: recycle@skillsinc.net

Maine DEP Inspection Checklist (not to be considered comprehensive but a good guide)

SITING

ITEM	COMPLIANCE	RULE OR LAW
250 ft to p/l		402.2.A.1.b.iv
500 ft to residences		402.2.A.1b.i
100 ft to public road		402.2.A.1.b.ii
100 ft to protected natural resources		402.2.A.4
100 ft to closed or active landfill		402.2.A.1.a

OPERATIONS

ITEM	COMPLIANCE	RULE OR LAW
haz & special waste exclusion		402.4
fire protection		402.4
attendant on site		402.4
leachate control		402.4
cleaning and maintenance of wood waste storage area		402.4
operations manual on site		402.4
waste oil storage		402.4
msw storage		402.4
wood CDD and brush processing and storage area		402.4
scrap metal & white goods storage		402.4
used tire storage		402.4
litter		402.4
access control		402.4
non wood cdd storage		402.4
acceptable wastes		402.4
equipment and unloading areas		402.4
closed landfill		400 & 401

RECORD-KEEPING/ADMINISTRATION

ITEM	COMPLIANCE	RULE OR LAW
operational records		402.4
annual report		402.5

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 or contact Bruce White at the State Planning Office (287-8053 or 800-662-4545 or Bruce.White@maine.gov).

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Beginning with the next issue, we are offering a new way to receive your newsletter: sent to your email 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, easily saveable to your hard drive for future reference and cost savings on printing & postage.

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