



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

September 2007

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Thursday, September 27, MRRA office, Bangor
MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon**

**Wednesday, October 3, Augusta Civic Center
MMA Convention - Solid Waste Roundtables 2:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Monday & Tuesday, October 22-23, Portland, ME & Auburn, MA
MRRA Annual Meeting, Workshop & Tours**

**Thursday, December 6, MRRA office, Bangor
MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon**

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

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RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

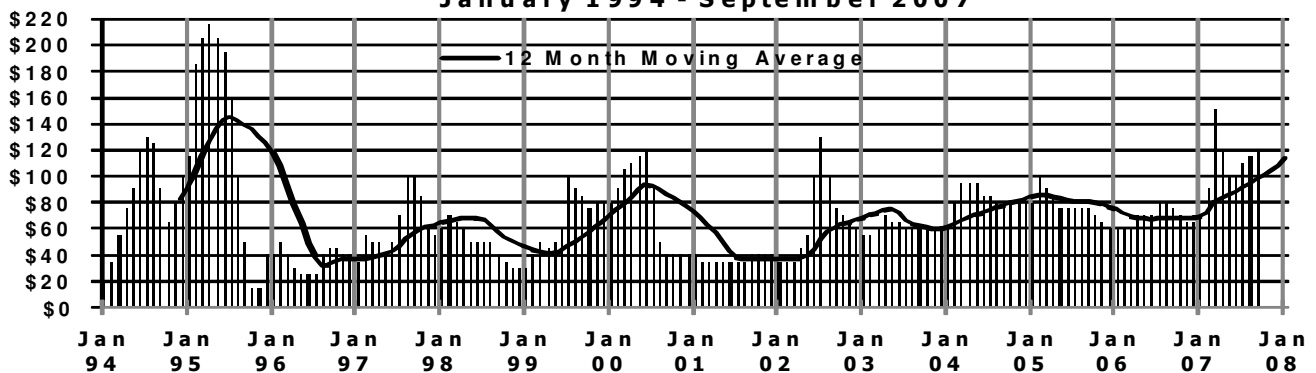
We leverage our members' tonnage, seeking new markets to get YOU the best prices. How do our prices compare to what you are being offered?

This summer most materials showed increased prices, following the usual summer pattern, or held steady. There were, however, worrisome indications in the larger economy that changes could be coming. Increasing energy prices, the mortgage lending meltdown and weak job reports all portend that a slowdown might be ahead. As the chart below shows, prices DO move with the economy. We have seen OCC below \$50 before and probably will again. Some may remember OCC at \$15! It is more a matter of when, not if. No one has yet figured out how to repeal the economic cycle. Let's enjoy it while we can!

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

| | Sept '07 | June '07 | Sept '06 |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| OCC | \$116 | \$96 | \$71 |
| #8 NEWS | \$101 | \$96 | \$76 |
| Mixed Paper | \$66-76 | \$56 | \$38 |
| SOW | \$191 | \$176 | \$131 |
| HDPE Natural | \$686 | \$636 | \$566 |
| HDPE Mixed | \$536 | \$496 | \$396 |
| HDPE Colored | \$471 | \$416 | \$296 |
| PET (full load) | \$396 | \$351 | \$291 |
| Tin Cans | \$120 | \$105 | \$96 |
| Scrap Metal (del.) | \$52 | \$52 | \$33 |
| Tires (negative) | -\$104 | -\$104 | -\$104 |

**Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) - US \$ per Ton
January 1994 - September 2007**



2007 MRRA Annual Meeting, Workshops & Tours

Monday, October 22nd

10:30 AM **Registration @ Verrillo's** (*Directions on back page*)

11:00 AM **Board of Directors Election & Annual MRRA Business Meeting**

12:00 PM **Lunch & Networking(Door prizes will be awarded)**

12:45 PM **Session #1 Statewide Promotion Campaign Update**

Jetta Antonakos & Meredith Batley, State Planning Office, will bring you the latest news on the launch of the new advertising campaign and the development of a tool kit that will include advertisements, PSAs, articles, logos, posters and educational activities for youth that communities can use to help promote their recycling program.

2:05 PM **Session #2 Wood Waste / Construction & Demo Debris**

Chip Millick, S.D. Warren/Sappi

Don Meagher, Juniper Ridge/Casella

The speakers will attempt to clarify the C & D/Woodwaste situation since Boralex has stopped accepting this material and discuss recent and pending developments in this area.

3:25 PM **Session #3 Universal Waste & Electronics**

Ann Pistell, Maine DEP, will provide a brief update on legislative changes enacted, as well as program updates on CFLs, mercury switches and thermostats.

3:50 PM **Intro & Tour of Portland's HHW & Bulky Waste Facility at Riverside (until 5:00)**

6:00 PM **Members: Meet Your Board of Directors at Dinner (compliments of MRRA)**

A limited number of overnight rooms have been set aside at the Howard Johnson's, adjacent to Verrillo's, for the convenience of those wishing to spend the night. Rooms are \$60 + tax (single or double) if you book with them directly (207-774-5861) or is included in Overnight Registration Package.

Tuesday, October 23rd

7:30 AM **Bus departs** Join FCR (Casella) as they sponsor a bus trip to Auburn, MA. Tour the FCR Auburn Single Stream processing plant & have lunch before the return trip. Estimated time of arrival back in Portland is about 2:30 PM. ***Special thanks to Beth Young and Casella Waste Systems for offering and sponsoring this event!!***

Program subject to change.

Registration forms have been mailed separately. If you did not receive one, they are available online at mrra.net/events or call MRRA at 942-6772 to have one mailed or faxed to you.

MRRA Rebates Coming!

Once again the Maine Resource Recovery Association is awarding rebates on its marketing fees for materials moved through the Cooperative Marketing Program. If you sell your recyclables through the MRRA, in the next few weeks one of your checks will include an amount representing your rebate based on tonnage marketed through the Coop during fiscal year 2006-2007. This will bring the total amount rebated to members to nearly \$35,000 in the last three years.

Thanks again for the steady tonnage. It pays to market through the MRRA Coop!

MRRA Starts New Program! Recycling bins & curbside carts offered.

We went out to bid for the best prices and quality product and are able to offer large and small quantity purchasing of recycling curbside bins and wheeled totes.



Popular sizes for curbside recycling bins (100 bin minimum):

18-gallon starting at \$ 8.00

21-gallon starting at \$12.45

Wheeled trash totes also available in three sizes (minimum order 54 units):

35-gallon starting at \$52

64-gallon starting at \$57

96-gallon starting at \$63

Larger quantities available at lower prices!!!

Your custom artwork can be added at reasonable rates as well.

Give us a call today at 942-6772 for pricing and color availability.

MRRA: Recycling and solid waste solutions for every town. We can help!

Call MRRA for freon removal, cardboard, newspaper, plastics, and metal pricing.

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

Legislative Update

As a follow-up on our last report in the June 2007 issue of *The Scrap Paper*, outlined below are our synopses of bills affecting solid waste that received final approval after June 22nd, 2007. Full texts of these bills may be found using the search page at www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/default.asp

LD 411 Allocates funds for the Drug Enforcement Agency to establish a pilot program permitting citizens to return unused prescription drugs by mail.

LD 564 To Streamline the Regulation of Agricultural Composters gives DEP & the Department of Agriculture authority to revise rules and establish management plans for farm composting operations.

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 1796 Authorizing Bond Issues for ratification by Voters. Among proposed bonds are \$2,000,000 for hazardous waste contamination clean-up, \$800,000 to address pollution problems at closed landfills and \$300,000 to prevent pollution from landfills abandoned by bankrupt corporations.

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

It amends provisions relating to 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 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 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 2nd Regular Session of the 123rd Legislature.

It 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.

Steel Recycling Strong

The Steel Recycling Institute (SRI) announced that the recycling rate for America's, most recycled material – steel – is 68.7 percent. This means more than 72 million tons of domestic steel scrap was recycled to make new steel products.

As worldwide production of steel continued to escalate, so too has the demand for quality steel scrap. The increased demand has caused prices for steel scrap to remain significantly above historical averages and dropped inventories of steel scrap across America to their lowest levels since WW II.

As price goes up due to demand for scrap, the collection effort increases such that scrap peddlers go further and further out to gather scrap, indicated Bill Heenan, president of the SRI. This intensive effort has drawn down scrap reserves.

To help meet the increased demand an increasing number of cities are expanding their programs to include light ferrous (iron) materials, such as toaster ovens, clothes hangers, and irons. "We are actively working with recycling coordinators to educate them about the benefits of additional sources of steel scrap in their recycling programs," said Heenan. "At the same time, we are increasing public and institutional education efforts to maximize the volume of steel that they are recycling."



Efficiency Maine Launches Its CFL Recycling Program

Efficiency Maine is pleased to announce a FREE CFL Recycling Program. We are offering all of our participating stores the option to recycle your used, unbroken CFLs. Starting June 1st, Efficiency Maine's field staff are training and delivering recycling buckets to any participating store that wishes to offer this free service to you. As stores join the program, Efficiency Maine will place a logo beside the name on our web site so you can quickly find a store in your area that will offer you this service. We are estimating it will take 3 to 4 weeks to cover the entire list of participating stores in Maine. We urge you to check this web site often to see if your store has been tagged as a recycling center for CFLs. If your favorite store does not have a recycling logo by their web site name, you might call and ask, as there is a 3 to 4 day delay between when they receive the recycling pail and their name is added to the web site.

Stores using this program are being trained in accordance with all requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, which assisted Efficiency Maine in its design. Our recycling company fully recovers as many of the CFL components as possible. These components, some harmful to the environment, can then be then used in the next CFL that you purchase. Watch this site as we begin to collect CFLs, we will post various greenhouse gases and pollutant numbers this effort reduces. Efficiency Maine is funded by electricity consumers and administered by the Maine Public Utilities Commission. <http://www.efficiencymaine.com/>

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE)

<http://www.carpetrecovery.org/>

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) is a joint industry-government effort to increase the amount of recycling and reuse of post-consumer carpet and reduce the amount of waste carpet going to landfills. CARE was established as a result of a Memorandum of Understanding for Carpet Stewardship (MOU), a national agreement signed by members of the carpet industry, representatives of government agencies at the federal, state and local levels, and non-governmental organizations.

CARE's mission is to foster market based solutions for recovering value from discarded carpet to meet the goals of the negotiated outcomes. To accomplish its mission, CARE facilitates, advises, provide resources, and serves as a forum for the many different stakeholders.

CARE is funded and administered by the carpet industry, which agrees to use CARE to:

- Enhance the collection infrastructure for post-consumer carpet.
- Serve as a resource for technical, economic and market development opportunities for recovered carpet.
- Develop and perform quantitative measurement and reporting on progress toward the national goals for carpet recovery.
- Work collectively to seek and provide funding opportunities for activities to support the national goals for carpet recovery.

WANTED!

**Funny/Creative/Attention Grabbing
30 second FILM or RADIO AD to
get people recycling!**

**The team with the best recycling ads will
WIN**

\$ 500 \$

Postmark Deadline: November 30, 2007

**To learn more or to register a team
contact:**

Jetta Antonakos

287-9074

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or visit

www.mainerecycles.com



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This process will offer several advantages to you & MRRA including faster delivery, better, full-color pictures & graphics, 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 email version, please *clearly* print your email address below and either fax this page to MRRA at 207-942-4017 or mail it to MRRA PO Box 1838 Bangor ME 04402-1838.

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

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