



# ***The Scrap Paper***

***Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association***  
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***Also, see our website at [mrra.net](http://mrra.net)***

## ***Calendar***

**Thursday, January 12, Augusta**

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM**

**Thursday, January 26, Augusta**

**MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

**Monday, January 30, Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn, ME**

**MRRRA Winter Workshop - 8:00 AM (Snow date: Tuesday, January 31st.)**

**Thursday, February 23, Bangor**

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM**

**MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM**

**Monday & Tuesday, April 24-25, 2006**

**Samoset Resort, Rockport, ME**

**13th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference**

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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!***

Prices for paper grades continue to weaken. More North American mill closures have contributed to an oversupply of material with mills getting all they need and more.

The oil price increases have caused plastic prices to continue to climb.

Metal prices have been on a rollercoaster, up one month, down the next, but overall they have held up fairly well recently.

As always, future price trends will be largely dependent on the condition of the overall economy and even the experts are divided on where that is headed. That said, the outlook for paper is generally poor so expect prices to continue to weaken in the next few months. Plastic should continue to follow the direction of oil prices.

	<b>December '05</b>	August '05	December '04
OCC	<b>\$ 51-56</b>	\$ 71	\$ 76
#8 NEWS	<b>\$ 71</b>	\$ 76	\$ 76
Mixed Paper	<b>\$ 26-36</b>	\$ 21-41	\$ 31
Sorted Office	<b>\$ 96</b>	\$ 86	\$ 121
#2 HDPE Natural	<b>\$ 756</b>	\$ 581	\$ 506
#2 HDPE Mixed	<b>\$ 681</b>	\$ 456	\$ 426
#2 HDPE Colored	<b>\$ 596</b>	\$ 436	\$ 406
#1 PET (full load)	<b>\$ 56-456</b>	\$ 16-496	\$ 401
Tin Cans (full load)	<b>\$ 85</b>	\$ 76	\$ 147
Scrap Metal (del)	<b>\$ 33</b>	\$ 21	\$ 42
Tires	<b>\$ -100 - -\$104</b>	\$ -100 - -\$104	\$ -100 - -\$104

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

## **MRRA WINTER WORKSHOP**

By now you should have received the flyer on the MRRA Winter Workshop scheduled for January 30th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. Topics will include boosting recycling's image, the new E-waste laws, the new wood chip/demo debris rules and interesting tours of several local recycling facilities. If you missed the flyer you can download a copy by visiting our website and [mrra.net](http://mrra.net) and clicking the events tab. Scholarships are available - see reminder below.

## **MRRA SCHOLARSHIP FUND REMINDER**

The MRRA scholarship fund was established to provide funding to further the effectiveness, efficiency, and public understanding of the Recycling Industry in the State of Maine. The Scholarship Program is established to provide opportunity and/or monetary assistance to members of MRRA to obtain additional education and training in solid waste issues including recycling, special waste handling, and management in order to increase competence in a present position or to qualify for advancement in the future. For links to the full scholarship guidelines and an application form please visit [mrra.net/index.php?area=services](http://mrra.net/index.php?area=services)

## **MAINE'S NEW E-WASTE LAW TO TAKE EFFECT**

Maine's new E-waste law distributes the responsibility for collection, transportation, and recycling of electronics among residents, municipalities, consolidators, and manufacturers. For more information visit the State Planning Office's Waste Management & Recycling website at [www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/](http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/)

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR EDUCATION COMMITTEE HELP PLAN FUTURE WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES**

The MRRA Education Committee is charged with planning workshops and our Annual Conference. These events are designed to offer current information on developments in the solid waste industry in addition to providing the basics for newcomers and refreshers to veterans. Your input into the planning process can be a valuable contribution to your peers in the field.

The committee is open to anyone interested in contributing to that effort. We usually meet on the morning of the 4th Thursday of each month alternating between Augusta and Bangor. If you are interested in helping, please contact the MRRA office at 942-6772 or email John at [mrra.john@verizon.net](mailto:mrra.john@verizon.net).

## **MRRA TO REPEAT SUCCESSFUL DISCOUNT COMPOST BIN SALE & ADDS KITCHEN PAILS TO THE PROGRAM**



MRRA is again offering compost bins and kitchen pails for bulk sale to towns to help reduce the waste going to your transfer station. Please visit our website [www.mrra.net](http://www.mrra.net) for a link to a Word document or give us a call us at 942-6772 or email Victor Horton, Executive Director at [mrra.victor@verizon.net](mailto:mrra.victor@verizon.net) if you would like more information. The program runs through March 27, 2006 and the bins will be delivered the week of April 24th, 2006. The bins, which normally retail for \$80, are being sold for \$36.50, and the pails are \$10.50 each, tax included.

## **NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED, OFFICERS APPOINTED**

At the MRRA Annual Meeting, held September 26th in Belfast, members elected a full slate of Board members. Three new members - Lee Leiner from Bath, Steve Lewis from Boothbay and Bill Shook from Gelnburn - join the seven incumbents who stood for reelection - Sherry Churchill - Hancock County Planning, Dennis Cox - Millinocket, Mark Draper - Tri-Community Recycling, Jerry Hughes - Bangor, Alison McCrady - Norway-Paris Solid Waste, Ross Nason - Unity Area Regional Recycling, and Ron Slater - Sandy River Recycling.

At its October meeting, the Board elected Alison McCrady as President. Alison takes over that position from Ron Slater who stepped down after serving in that capacity for several years. Mark Draper was elected Vice President, filling the slot previously held by Alison. Jerry Hughes volunteered to serve as Secretary-Treasurer and was so elected, taking over from the recently-retired Carol Fuller.

A sincere thank you to the three former Board members - Mike Claus - Kennebunk, Carol Fuller - AVCOG and Kathleen MacKenzie - Jackman, for a job well done. We'll miss your insights and guidance. And an equally sincere welcome to Lee, Steve and Bill. We look forward to your knowledgeable contributions.

## **YOUR RECYCLING FACILITY AND MEDEP'S STORMWATER REGULATIONS**

In this day and age, it is not unusual to become confused and philosophically perplexed about DEP rules. After many phone calls and head scratching, here is what we think we have learned about the "new" Stormwater Regulations:

- The Maine DEP has responsibility for what were once Federal EPA Stormwater Regulations.
- Under Maine rules, municipal solid waste transfer stations are exempt because Maine's Solid Waste regulations include stormwater provisions.
- "Scrap" Recycling facilities, including those that process paper, plastic, metals, bottles, tires, and construction and demolition waste are considered industrial activities and fall under the "new" stormwater regulations.
- Transfer stations that operate their own "scrap" recycling centers at their facilities remain exempt. UPDATE: Separate entity Recycling Centers operated for the benefit of multiple towns have now been exempted from the "new" stormwater regulations, and will only have to file forms or pay a fee if they have significant outdoor storage.
- Municipal Landfills, especially those that recycle construction and demolition waste, fall under the "new" stormwater regulations and will have to file forms and send in money.

Forms?? Money???? In order for Recycling Centers to figure out what they must do, they will have to consider the following:

- If your operation is under cover and recycled materials or bales are stored inside, your facility may be eligible for "Exempt" or "No Exposure" status. There may be a form to be filled out and sent to the proper DEP office.
- If your recycling facility stores materials outdoors, i.e. bales of tin / plastic, open top roll off containers or piles of metal, construction and demolition debris, white goods, tires, etc., and these materials remain outdoors before they are sold, your facility may have to fill out the Notice of Intent forms and send them with \$300 to the proper DEP office.

So, read all that mail that the DEP sent you, and check out the website [www.mainedep.com](http://www.mainedep.com) and click on the stormwater links. Somewhere here you can download the forms. If you still have questions, these people can help: Don Kale in Portland (888-769-1036); David Ladd in Augusta (800-452-1942); and if all else fails, call Don Witherall (Augusta), the man who signed all the letters.

By the way, we should have done this by November 14th, 2005. Bother.

# **MAINE RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**

**To Be Presented At The Annual Conference Reception  
Monday April 24, 2006**

Deadlines for Nomination: Postmarked by March 10, 2006 & received by March 17, 2006

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 17, 2006**



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Maine's 13th Annual Recycling  
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April 24-25, 2006  
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Monday, January 30th, 2006  
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