



The Scrap Paper

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Websites of Interest

(Feel free to suggest your favorite sites related to recycling and solid waste.)

Cornell Waste Management Institute - cwmi.css.cornell.edu - is a comprehensive source of information and is especially thorough on composting.

Calendar

Thursday, August 25, Bangor MRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM

Thursday, September 22, Augusta MRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM

Monday, September 26, Belfast MRRA Annual Meeting & Workshop, Belfast

November 8th-15th is Maine Recycles Week:

Visit www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/ or call Bruce White at the State Planning Office 287-8053 for more information. Plan an activity around this celebration. Involve your community, schools, etc. and give your recycling program a boost!!!

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!***

Most prices seem to have been drifting lower over the last couple of months. This is unusual for this time of year, when prices normally increase due to increasing demand. Mills have taken, or are taking, more downtime than normal, which has put a damper on demand. Reports indicate that they are seeing reduced demand for their finished products and therefore have needed to reduce production to balance inventory. Metal & plastics are the recent exceptions.

	August '05	June '05	August '04
OCC	\$ 71	\$ 66 - 71	\$ 71-76
#8 NEWS	\$ 76	\$ 81	\$ 76-81
Mixed Paper	\$ 21 - 41	\$ 46	\$ 54
Sorted Office	\$ 86	\$ 91	\$151
#2 HDPE Natural (up to)	\$581	\$541	\$416
#2 HDPE Mixed (up to)	\$456	\$481	\$276
#2 HDPE Colored (up to)	\$436	\$461	\$256
#1 PET (full load)	\$16 - 496	\$516	\$361
Tin Cans (full load)	\$ 76	\$ 4 - 20	\$164
Scrap Metal (delivered)	\$ 21	\$ 23	\$ 25
Tires (negative)	\$ -100 - -104	\$ -100 - -104	\$ -100 - -104

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

MRRA Annual Meeting & Workshops

Getting to 50%, Safety, Material Quality, Record Keeping & Reporting, Cost Accounting & Virtual Tours

Monday, September 26th, 2005

Hutchinson Center, 80 Belmont Ave. (Route 3), Belfast

8:00 - 9:00 **Registration, Buffet Breakfast & Ballot Distribution**

9:00 - 10:20 **Session #1**
Material Quality Issues

Material Handling/Ergonomics
Maine DOL SafetyWorks!

Session #2
Recycleables Pricing History
George MacDonald, State Planning Office

Preparing Your Recycling Report -
Hank Tyler, State Planning Office

Record Keeping & Cost Analysis
John Albertini, MRRA
Keith Anoe, MAPRUS.COM LLC

10:30 - 11:50 **Session #3**
Fire Prevention / Fire Fighting
Maine DOL SafetyWorks!

Blood-borne Pathogens
Michelle Grant
Occupational Health Specialist
Maine DOL SafetyWorks!

Session #4 Getting to 50%
Food Waste Composting by
Ron Slater, Sandy River Recycling
Mixed Paper / Office Paper by
Victor Horton, MRRA
1-7 Plastics / Rigid Plastics by
Becky Secrest, Moore Recycling
Asphalt / Sheetrock by
Aggregate Recycling

11:50 - 12:30 **Annual Business Meeting**

Financial Reports, Carol Fuller, MRRA Treasurer
Marketing Update, Victor Horton, MRRA Executive Director
Board of Directors Election Results

12:30 - 1:20 **Lunch Buffet and Networking**

1:20 - 2:50 **Session #5**
Virtual Tour: Tri-Community Recycling & Sanitary Landfill
Mark Draper of Tri-Community will present a tour of their facility while Lou Pizzuti of DEP will critique what they do right and what they could do better, if anything!!!

Virtual Tours: What happens to your plastic? We'll see presentations from the mills.

Raffle: Two cash prizes, a compost bin & the latest Harry Potter Book!!!
MUST be present to win!

The program is subject to change.

MAINE RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting & Workshops Registration Form

Monday, September 26th, 2005, Hutchinson Center, 80 Belmont Ave. (Route 3), Belfast, ME

Registration / Cancellation Deadline: Tuesday, September 20th

Registration Fee: Members \$20, non-members \$25 A limited number of scholarships are available.

Organization: _____

Please check one: Member _____ Non-member _____

If your organization is not yet an MRRA member, join today & save on your registration:

Annual MRRA Dues (July-June): Individual \$30 Municipal \$40 Business \$100

Billing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Attendees:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Amount Due:

Dues, if joining today: \$ _____

_____ Member Registrations @ \$20 = \$ _____

_____ Non-member Registrations @ \$25 = \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Payment method:

_____ Check enclosed

_____ Check to follow by mail

_____ Deduct from Revenue (please initial): _____

To register please either:

fax this filled-out form to 942-4017 or

mail a photocopy to MRRA, PO Box 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838

FOR SALE

The Town of Buxton is selling a glass crusher that fits on top of a 55-gallon steel drum. Manufactured by Prodeva, Inc. (1-800-999-3271)
Model 95-2, Serial # 6172 1/2 horsepower, 115 volts, 1 phase
This model sells new for \$1,090. The first \$250 takes it!

The Town of Buxton is selling a 30yd silver bullet recycling bin with 2 baffles (3 separate storage areas). The bin is painted green and labeled for newspaper, cardboard, and plastics / tin cans. These containers cost around \$7,000 new This container is in excellent shape We are asking \$5,000 but will accept \$4,500 from a MRRRA member.



More pictures and other information are available by calling Greg Heffernan at 929-3913, or by e-mail at buxtonts@sacoriver.net

Smurfit-Stone Announces Closures at Three North American Mills

Smurfit-Stone Container Corp. announced plans to close three North American containerboard mills. Smurfit-Stone plans to permanently close:

- ◆ the #2 paper machine at its Fernandina Beach, Florida, linerboard mill;
- ◆ its New Richmond, Quebec, linerboard mill; and
- ◆ **its Bathurst, New Brunswick, medium mill.**

"These actions, while extremely difficult, are necessary to address the market realities facing Smurfit-Stone, in particular, the declining growth rate for containerboard and oversupply in the northeastern portion of North America," said Patrick J. Moore, Smurfit-Stone chairman, president and chief executive officer.

One of the major long-term issues confronting Smurfit-Stone's packaging operations is the slowing demand for packaging in North America, as manufacturing is being shifted overseas.

The Bathurst mill has annual production capacity of 243,000 tons of corrugating medium.

