



# ***The Scrap Paper***

***September 2006***

***Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association***

***Also, see our website at [mrra.net](http://mrra.net)***

## ***Calendar***

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday, September 22-24**

**Common Ground Fair in Unity**

**Stop by our booth in the Environmental Concerns Booth.**

**Let us know about your recycling program and how we might provide assistance.**

**Thursday, September 21**

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

**Thursday, September 28**

**MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon via conference call**

**Monday, October 2nd, Portland/Freeport**

**MRRRA Annual Meeting / Tour / Workshop - 8:30 AM**

**Wednesday & Thursday, October 4th-5th**

**Maine Municipal Convention in Augusta**

**Please stop by our booth. We'd love to meet you if we haven't previously!**

***November 8-15, Your Town***

**Maine Recycles Week (MRW) - Make plans to celebrate in your own unique way!**

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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!***

OCC prices dropped \$5 for September amid weakening demand. Newspaper prices held while office paper grades have risen over the last few months. Prices are generally the same as or higher than they were in May.

Plastic prices are down from their extreme highs but are still very good.

Scrap Metal & Steel Can prices have been down one month, up the next. September saw a recovery from the drops in August as mills saw supply dry up due to the earlier price declines.

Near term future price changes will probably be to the down side for paper as the Christmas season for manufacturers will soon be ending. Plastic and metal may continue to bounce up and down.

	<b>September '06</b>	May '06	September '05
OCC	<b>\$ 71</b>	\$ 66	\$ 71
#8 NEWS	<b>\$ 76</b>	\$ 66	\$ 81
Mixed Paper	<b>\$ 36-41</b>	\$ 36-41	\$ 31-43
Sorted Office	<b>\$126</b>	\$111	\$ 86
#2 HDPE Natural	<b>\$576</b>	\$666	\$596
#2 HDPE Mixed	<b>\$396</b>	\$436	\$496
#2 HDPE Colored	<b>\$381</b>	\$ 316	\$456
#1 PET (full load)	<b>\$336</b>	\$ 56-356	\$ 56-436
Tin Cans (full load)	<b>\$104</b>	\$100	\$ 83
Scrap Metal (deliv)	<b>\$ 29.50 (Aug)</b>	\$ 38	\$ 29
Tires	<b>\$ -100 - -\$104</b>	\$ -100 - -\$104	\$ -100 - -\$104

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

## **News & Notes**

### **Freon Removal Service Available**

MARRA has recently made arrangements with a vendor to offer freon removal services to our members. The cost is a very reasonable \$9 per unit with a 20 unit minimum (40+ units preferred). If you are currently paying more than \$9 per unit or are looking for freon removal services please call Victor at 942-6772 to get on the schedule.

### **Visit MARRA's booth at the Common Ground Fair or MMA Convention**

This fall MARRA will be having booths at the Common Ground Fair in Unity on September 22-24 and the MMA Convention in Augusta on October 4-5. If you will be attending either of these events please stop by and say hello. We look forward to greeting you and having the opportunity to discuss your concerns, interests and questions about recycling and solid waste issues.

### **Recycling Promotion Campaign Proposed**

A small, diverse group of Maine solid waste professionals is working to develop a public service advertising program to increase awareness of and participation in recycling. Growing out of ideas, suggestions and momentum from the Maine Solid Waste Management Policy Review Task Force and presentations on socially-based marketing by Keefe Harrison (re3.org) at this year's Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference, the group is working to clearly define goals and strategies for the campaign. Still in its early stages, the effort hopes to impact behavior to increase recycling rates and tonnages and to decrease the amount of material requiring disposal. As the preliminary planning progresses, the group will be soliciting additional input from others in the solid waste community and Maine residents.

### **Reminder: Recycle Rechargeable Batteries & Cell Phones**

The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (RBRC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to recycling rechargeable batteries and cell phones. RBRC collects the Nickel Cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride, Lithium Ion, and Small Sealed Lead rechargeable batteries that power a variety of portable electronic products.

Through a national program, Call2Recycle™, with the help of retail and community partners, consumers can recycle these items in a FREE and EASY manner. Join the more than 250 outlets in Maine collecting these items. For more information or to locate existing collection points contact RBRC at [www.rbrc.org](http://www.rbrc.org) or Shane Thompson at 740-526-0334 or [sthompson@rbrc.com](mailto:sthompson@rbrc.com)

## **2006 MRRA Annual Meeting, Tour & Workshop**

**8:00 AM Carpool leaves from Hilton Garden Inn-Freeport  
(or meet us @ Riverside in Portland @ 8:30 AM)**  
*Directions to both on back page.*

**8:30 AM Light Breakfast & Tour of the Riverside -Portland**  
Riverside is the City of Portland-operated bulky waste processing facility. View firsthand what they collect and how it is processed.

**9:30 AM Carpool returns to Freeport Hilton Garden Inn-Freeport**  
Light refreshments available

**10:00 AM Board of Directors election & Annual Business Meeting**

**11:00 AM Customer Service - Techniques and the Impact Staff Can Have**  
Contact with staff can have dramatic effects on public behavior. Learn what you & your staff can accomplish and how best to do it.  
**A representative from Market Decisions** will discuss results of the recycling survey conducted on behalf of the State Planning Office.  
**Ruth Marden - Town of Jay**  
**Pat Anderson - Town of Cape Elizabeth**  
**Scotch Pankonin - Town of St. George**

**12:15 PM Lunch, Networking, Brief Update on Recycling Promotion Effort  
(Door prizes will be awarded)**

**1:15 PM Progress on Universal Waste and Electronics**  
How have the recently implemented changes in state laws been working? Strategies to make the process run smoothly.  
**Carol Cifrino - Maine DEP**  
**Bob Nicholson - Uniwaste**  
**Question & Answer session** with a panel of Carol, Bob and several town representatives.

*Program subject to change.*

**2006 MRRRA Annual Meeting, Tour & Workshops**

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Join MRRRA today & save!** *(If your organization isn't already a member)*

**Dues:** Individual \$30      Municipal \$40      Business \$100

Workshop Cost: Members \$20    Nonmembers \$40

*A limited number of scholarships are available. Call MRRRA at 942-6772 for more info.*

Please check one:    Member \_\_\_\_\_      Nonmember \_\_\_\_\_

Dues (if not already a member but joining today) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Nonmember Registrations @ \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Member Registrations @ \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (by Sept. 22nd)

# \_\_\_\_\_ Member Registrations @ \$40 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Sept. 23rd or later)

**Total Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payment: (please check one)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Deduct from Revenue (please initial \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing Members only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed or to follow this fax by mail

\_\_\_\_\_ Visa or \_\_\_\_\_ Mastercard

Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_

Name as it appears on the card \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (credit card orders only): \_\_\_\_\_

*To register: fax this form to 942-4017 or mail to MRRRA, POB 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838.*

***No registrations or cancellations will be accepted after Tues., September 26th.***

**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/](http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/) or contact Bruce White at the State Planning Office (287-8053 or 800-662-4545 or [Bruce.White@maine.gov](mailto:Bruce.White@maine.gov)).

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