



The Scrap Paper

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Calendar

Thursday, June 22, Bangor

**MRRRA Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session - 9:30 PM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon (Lunch Provided)**

Thursday, July 6, Augusta (tentative)

MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM

Thursday, July 27, Augusta

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon**

Thursday, August 24, Bangor

**MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM
MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 12:00 Noon**

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!

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.

Plastic prices are on the decline as the market is saturated even as oil prices remain high.

Scrap Metal & Steel Can prices have been stable to up slightly recently while aluminum has risen dramatically of late.

At this writing it is too soon to know what will happen with prices in June, but we don't anticipate any major changes, especially on the up side.

	May '06	December '05	May '05
OCC	\$ 66	\$ 51-56	\$ 71
#8 NEWS	\$ 66	\$ 71	\$ 81
Mixed Paper	\$ 36-41	\$ 26-36	\$ 51
Sorted Office	\$ 111	\$ 96	\$ 96
#2 HDPE Natural	\$ 666	\$ 756	\$ 601
#2 HDPE Mixed	\$ 436	\$ 681	\$ 506
#2 HDPE Colored	\$ 316	\$ 596	\$ 461
#1 PET (full load)	\$ 56-356	\$ 56-456	\$ 56-506
Tin Cans (full load)	\$ 100	\$ 85	\$ 36
Scrap Metal (del)	\$ 38	\$ 33	\$ 38
Tires	\$ -100 - -\$104	\$ -100 - -\$104	\$ -100 - -\$104

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

MRRRA Board of Directors Reactivates Marketing Committee

At a recent meeting, the MRRRA Board of Directors decided to reactivate the Marketing Committee. This action was taken with several purposes in mind, but mainly to evaluate the Marketing Cooperative's current and future role in servicing its' membership. Ultimately, the goal of the Committee is to develop a marketing strategy for the MRRRA that will help continue success in the future. This strategy should address marketing MRRRA itself, in addition to the marketing of recyclable materials.

Key elements being considered are:

- § Who and where are our customers?
- § Why are they members of the Cooperative?
- § What are the emerging conditions that will most impact MRRRA over the next 5 years?
- § How can MRRRA best position itself to meet these emerging conditions and continue to best serve our members?
- § What other beneficial services beyond education and marketing could MRRRA provide?

The Committee is meeting every-other month, with a goal of completing the Marketing Strategy by the end of the year. Members are encouraged to participate, either at the meetings, or by contacting a Board member. We are seeking as much input as possible.

More to come, stay tuned...

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 voted on at our Annual Meeting / Workshop in September.

.. 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 778-3254 or page me at 758-8593 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, Norway-Paris Solid Waste, 39 Brown Ave., Norway, ME 04268 or fax it to MARRA at 207-942-4017. Please try and get it to us by August 24th 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 (MRRA) announced the recipients of its annual awards at Maine's 13th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference, on April 24th & 25th. The following individuals, programs and businesses were recognized for their contributions to waste reduction and recycling efforts:

- **Volunteer of the Year: Carol Lambert, Mid Coast Solid Waste**
- **Operator of the Year: Doug Hamm, Town of Readfield**
- **Program of the Year: Aroostook Valley Solid Waste, Doug Chapman, Manager**
- **Manager of the Year: Wayne Ricker, Town of Lisbon**
- **Most Improved Program Award: Town of Livermore, Juanita Bryant, Supervisor**

MRRA 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 – Tyler Balsdon, Boothbay Region Refuse Disposal District**
- **2nd place – Glen Hawes, Town of Readfield**
- **3rd place – Clyde Merrill, Town of Skowhegan**
- **4th place – Brian Mason, Sandy River Recycling**

Conference Food Waste Composted - 335 Pounds Recycled

MRRA would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Samoset, for collecting, and Sandy River Recycling, for transporting and composting all the food waste from the Annual Conference. Ron Slater, Manager of Sandy River Recycling, reported that a total of 335 pounds of food waste was retrieved for composting. This continues on our tradition of composting all conference food waste, handled in the past by Wayne Ricker. Thank you to the Samoset kitchen crew, the Sandy River crew and also to Wayne for your past efforts!

Please be advised that MRRA will be asking our members, in the near future via email or fax, for their preferences as to time and location for next years' conference. We will first be compiling cost estimates for several locations for you to consider.

Marketing Fee Rebates Distributed

The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRRA), a nonprofit corporation offering cooperative marketing of recycled materials and educational services, distributed rebates of marketing fees of over \$15,000 at Maine's 13th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference on April 24th.

The rebates serve as an incentive to members to maintain and improve local recycling programs and help the State of Maine reach its 50% recycling goal. As awards are based on the tons of recycled material marketed through MRRRA, communities that moved more material through the coop received larger rebates.

Though only 115 checks were distributed, many more communities will benefit. Sandy River Recycling Association, for example, recipient of the highest amount awarded, serves 21 towns in the greater Farmington area with approximately 21,000 residents. Each community working with Sandy River Recycling will share the benefits of the award.

For more information about how your community can benefit from MRRRA membership, please visit mrra.net or contact Victor Horton, Executive Director, at 207-942-6772.

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).

Compost Bin Sale Successful

With the cooperation of 22 cities, towns, regions and civic organizations, MRRRA has distributed 780 discounted Earth Machine compost bins and 400 kitchen pails. The bins and pails were delivered at the end of April. This will result in a reduction of the amount of organic waste needing disposal and the increased utilization of a valuable resource. Many thanks to all who have made this event a success.

If you would like to participate next year please call Victor Horton at 942-6772 to be added to the mailing list.

STATUS OF DEP RULES REGARDING USING WOOD FROM CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS IN BIOMASS BOILERS

As many of you already know, the Department of Environmental Protection drafted proposed revisions to their solid waste management rules concerning standardizing the separation, testing and combustion of relatively clean wood from construction and demolition debris. A public hearing on the draft rules was held in November and a second draft based on those comments was presented to the citizen Board of Environmental Protection in March. At that time, the Board was considering reopening a portion of the proposed revisions for an additional 30 days of public comment.

In the interim, the Maine legislature drafted a bill to clarify it's wishes. This was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor to become law on May 2nd. The law generally directed the Board of Environmental Protection to approve the draft that had previously been presented to them in March but with a provision in the rule that would limit the total amount of wood from CDD that could be substituted for conventional wood fuel to not more than 50% of the total fuel by weight on an average annual basis. This rule was passed by the Board on May 4th.

The rule is now being reviewed by the Maine Attorney General's Office for legality and will then proceed to the Secretary of State's office for review and possible enactment. It is likely to be another couple of weeks before the bill is enacted. The provisions of the draft revisions do not take effect until formal enactment.

Maine Passes New Thermostat Recycling Law

The new thermostat law simply establishes that there will be a bounty for consumers and HVAC technicians. The bounty will be worth a minimum of \$5, and the DEP will work out the details with a stakeholder group over the summer.

Businesses have been required to recycle mercury thermostats since 2001 and homeowners have been required to recycle them since January 2005. The new law is aimed at providing an incentive to recycle.

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