



The Scrap Paper

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRRA Annual Meeting & Workshops

Monday, October 24th, Roosters, Augusta, 8:30 - 3:00 (See page 3)

MRRRA Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, December 8, 9:00 - 1:00, Bangor, Strategic Planning Session

Thursday, February 23, Noon, SPO, Augusta

Maine DEP Training Schedule

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/trainingcenter/index.htm>

Maine DOL - SafetyWorks! Training Schedule

http://www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=Safetyworks_Classes&v=ListAll

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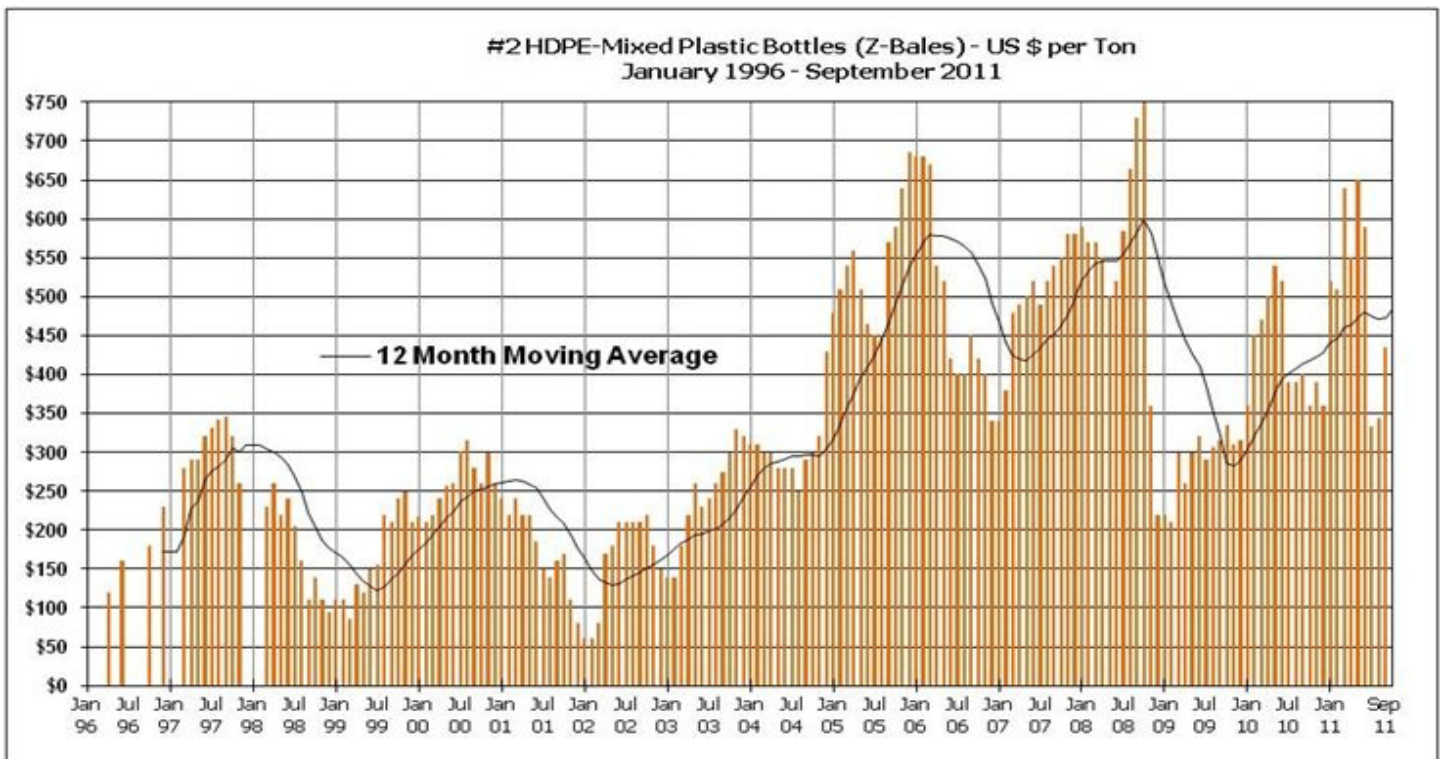
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

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?

We live in uncertain times. To quote The Yellow Sheet: "... the economy is certainly on the minds of a lot of industry veterans ... They are very uncomfortable with what is happening in this country right now. There is a lot of fear in the air. That's not good for the products the mills produce; fear equates to a pullback in purchasing." If you follow this space this is not a new concept to you. Fear & uncertainty could bring markets crashing down. We need some good news on the jobs front and we need it soon or do not be surprised if the markets take a severe tumble. They have been remarkably resilient given these conditions!

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

	Sept '11	June '11	Sept '10
OCC	\$160	\$155	\$116
#8 NEWS	\$140	\$130	\$86
Mixed Paper	\$100-115	\$75-94	\$46-78
SOW	\$265	\$276	\$209
HDPE-Natural	\$684	\$764	\$484
HDPE-Mixed (Z)	\$434	\$624	\$344
HDPE-Colored	\$354	\$614	\$314
PET (full load)	\$734	\$795	\$414
Tin Cans (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$240-265	\$240-275	\$198-208
Scrap Metal (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$155-\$215	\$125-\$210	\$101-181
Tires (negative)	-\$66	-\$111	-\$110
MRRA net avg. paid prior month (picked up)	\$172	\$173	\$111
ecomaine single stream (delivered)	\$25	\$25	\$0



Maine**Workshop & Annual Meeting****Resource****Monday, October 24, 2011****Recovery****Rooster's, Augusta, ME****Association**

Are you responsible for your town's solid waste management? Do you work at the transfer station or recycling center? Then you already understand that these are complex and costly undertakings. You need to keep the environment, the staff, and the public safe. And you need to control expenses. Methods and rules change often enough that it is sometimes difficult to stay informed. MRRRA workshops are an opportunity to keep on top of these issues. Come and hear what is new and how others deal with these issues!

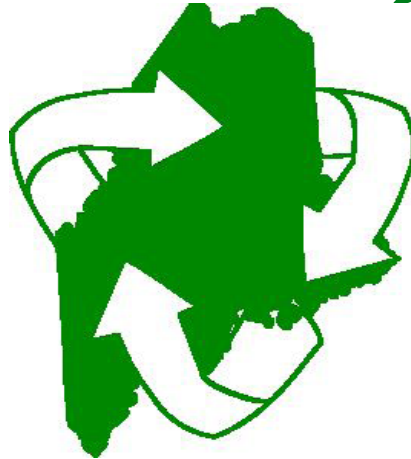
7:45 – 8:30	Registration, Board Election Ballots & Continental Buffet Breakfast	
8:30 - 9:30 Breakout Sessions	Statewide E-Waste Program Updates DEP will explain the new developments in the e-waste program. An explanation of the Veolia program and what DEP looks for at facilities will also be covered.	Safety Certification Training by DOL SafetyWorks! Lock-Out, Tag-Out
9:40 - 10:10 Plenary Session	What Do YOU Want, Need, or Expect from MRRRA? A facilitated open discussion. What do YOU, the members, see as the future role(s) for MRRRA in the solid waste industry in Maine. The Board of Directors and staff need your ideas! How can MRRRA best serve your needs?	
10:20 – 11:20 Breakout Sessions	Hazardous & Hard-to-Handle Waste Options Alternative ways to dispose of many items considered hazardous wastes that can help reduce expenses. Ross Nason of KVCOG will offer examples of how towns in his region handle latex paint, propane, Freon, motor oil, anti-freeze, old gasoline, pesticides, etc. to lower costs.	Safety Certification Training by DOL SafetyWorks! Industrial Ergonomics & Proper Lifting Techniques
11:30 – 12:00	MRRRA Annual Business Meeting	
12:00 – 12:40	Luncheon Buffet	
12:45 – 1:10 General Session	News From Augusta The Governor and legislature have been active in redefining the roles of some state agencies and departments. Representatives from DEP & SPO will report on the changes made or pending on their programs and how that may affect you. The future of SPO and the East Millinocket project will be discussed.	
1:15 – 2:45 General Session	Case Study: Oxford County The towns in Oxford County did a thorough analysis of their current solid waste programs and looked at a variety of options changes. Consultants were hired to assist with this study. Ferg Lea of AVCOG will present an overview of the results and provide insights into the conclusions.	

The program is tentative and subject to change.

Download the full registration brochure at our newly redesigned website: [www.mrra.net: http://www.mrra.net/wp-content/uploads/MRRRA-2011-Workshop-and-Annual-Meeting.pdf](http://www.mrra.net/wp-content/uploads/MRRRA-2011-Workshop-and-Annual-Meeting.pdf)

Please also feel free to forward this to others who are involved or interested in solid waste issues and consider joining our email list. The sign-up box is at the top right of our home page. For more information call 207-942-6772.

“Celebrate Recycling”



You are cordially invited to participate in Maine's week-long event to celebrate recycling from November 8th to the 15th.

This celebration is to recognize the commitment and efforts of Maine residents, businesses and communities to recycling as well as recognize those who have provided recycling opportunities and services throughout our state for over twenty five years. Now is your chance to give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back!

Recycling programs have been beneficial on many levels, by: helping to conserve natural resources; providing materials wanted by manufacturers; saving landfill disposal space; reducing costs; and creating jobs.

The celebrations will be local in nature, highlighting community or regional programs, by offering open houses, increased promotions to residents, sharing with the public how much money has been saved by recycling and other activities as may be selected.

R.S.V.P. the Recycling Program at the Maine State Planning Office with your plans for the week. The first 25 communities that respond will receive a cotton reusable bag filled with recycling-themed goodies. Contact us for information, ideas and possibilities. E-mail Bruce at bruce.white@maine.gov or Suzanne at Suzanne.Duplissis@maine.gov and check out our website www.recyclemaine.com.

Thank you for Recycling!

Legislative Updates

The first session of the 125th Legislature passed several laws and resolves on solid waste issues. These summaries are informational only. More detailed information is available via the legislature's website:

http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/default_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=125

LD 1 An Act To Ensure Regulatory Fairness and Reform

Establishes a voluntary environmental audit program within the DEP that provides incentives, including reduced penalties, to regulated entities that discover, disclose and correct environmental violations through an environmental audit program or a compliance management system.

Authorizes agencies to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of proposed rules in instances in which the consideration of costs is permitted and when the agency determines that sufficient staff expertise and budgeted resources exist within the agency to complete the analysis. It also lists the minimum elements to be included in a cost-benefit analysis, requires the agency to provide any such analysis to any person requesting a copy of the proposed rule and states that the cost-benefit analysis is not subject to judicial review.

Requires the Commissioner of Environmental Protection to adopt routine technical rules or amend rules as necessary that, consistent with rules adopted by the U.S. EPA, provide that isopropyl alcohol and wood ash are not hazardous waste or solid waste if being used, reused or recycled as effective substitutes for commercial products.

Also requires the Board of Environmental Protection to adopt major substantive rules or amend rules as necessary that, consistent with rules adopted by the U.S. EPA governing the transfer, management, reclamation and reuse of hazardous and solid waste, allow and encourage the beneficial reuse of hazardous and solid wastes, consistent with the protection of public health and the environment, in order to preserve resources, conserve energy and reduce the need to dispose of such wastes.

LD 180 Resolve, To Change Rules Concerning Landfill Gas and Odor Management from Routine Technical Rules to Major Substantive Rules

This resolve requires that rules governing the management of landfill gas and odors at solid waste facilities adopted by the DEP, Board of Environmental Protection pursuant to Resolve 2007, chapter 170 are major substantive rules rather than routine technical rules.

LD 262 An Act To Expand Eligibility of Certain Municipal Landfills To Participate in the State's Remediation and Closure Program

The state cost share is 75% of closure costs, including landfill cover costs, incurred on or after July 1, 1994 and before December 31, 2015, if:

- (1) The commissioner originally issued a license on or before September 1, 1989 for operation of the landfill and found that the landfill met the design requirements and environmental protection standards at the time of licensing; and
- (2) The commissioner has since determined that the landfill or portion of the landfill must be closed based on the finding that the landfill is contaminating groundwater and that corrective actions have not been successful.

LD 512 An Act Regarding the Disposition of Mercury-added Lamps

This bill authorizes the use of crushing devices in a mercury-added lamp recycling program. Under the bill, the owner of the crushing device must register with the Department of Environmental Protection, develop an operating manual for safely crushing mercury-added lamps, document maintenance activities, meet federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements, dispose of all material crushed in the device and maintain an annual report for review by the DEP, at the discretion of the department. An amendment added that an operating manual must include procedures for operator training and procedures to address emergency situations. The amendment requires owners of crushing devices to maintain testing

and monitoring data. The amendment also provides that crushing devices may be operated only in a closed system, in such a manner that any emission of mercury does not exceed 0.3 micrograms per cubic meter, and must be operated in a secure, ventilated area not accessible to the general public

LD 969 Resolve, To Adjust Composting Limits for Farms

This resolve requires the Department of Environmental Protection to amend its rules to increase the maximum cubic yards of Type IB and Type IC residuals that a farm may compost in any 30-day period from 30 to 60 cubic yards.

LD 981 An Act To Increase Recycling Jobs in Maine and Lower Costs for Maine Businesses Concerning Recycled Electronics

This bill provides that the recycling of covered electronic devices received at collection sites and events from small universal waste generators is the manufacturer's responsibility. It clarifies that a manufacturer must register with the State prior to selling covered electronic devices in the State and must report sales information on annual registrations in terms of national numbers. In addition, this bill modifies the annual manufacturer registration fee from a flat fee to a tiered system based on a manufacturer's annual national unit sales of covered electronic devices, and exempts certain historic manufacturers from the registration fee requirements. It changes the reporting requirements from every 2 years to being a part of the product stewardship report. Current law covers only households in the State's electronic waste recycling laws. The bill expands that by covering small universal waste generators as well as households. The amendment removes the bill's coverage of small universal waste generators and expands current coverage to small businesses and nonprofit organizations that employ 100 or fewer individuals and primary and secondary schools. An amendment adds a provision that limits the number of covered electronic devices that may be dropped off at municipal collection sites or consolidator-sponsored collection events to 7 devices, unless the municipal collection site or consolidator is willing to accept additional devices. The amendment adds a provision that allows for the controlled breakage of cathode ray tubes by licensed electronics demanufacturing facilities if the facilities demonstrate to the Department of Environmental Protection that they meet specified environmental health and safety standards.

LD 1398 An Act To Amend the Laws Administered by the Department of Environmental Protection

It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to allow an operator to review a completed operator certification test with department staff in order to identify subject areas for which questions were answered incorrectly and further study is advisable.

It amends the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, section 420-D, subsection 5 to provide that if project review is required pursuant to Title 38, section 1310-N, 1319-R or 1319-X, regarding waste facility licenses, review is not required pursuant to the laws governing storm water management.

It repeals Title 38, section 420-D, subsection 7, paragraph F, which is an exemption from the laws governing storm water management for waste facilities regulated under Title 38, section 1310-N, 1319-R or 1319-X.

It amends the mercury products laws to consolidate restrictions on the sale of mercury-added batteries.

It amends the mercury products laws to clarify that automakers must pay the minimum \$4 amount for mercury switches from motor vehicles if the year, make and model of the vehicle are provided.

It amends the laws governing recycling of mercury thermostats to clarify the requirements for distribution of collection bins to recycling locations. It also amends the provisions requiring thermostat manufacturers to pay a \$5 bounty on each mercury thermostat returned for recycling by clarifying that the bounty is owed whether or not the thermostat is returned with the exterior cover intact.

It consolidates reporting requirements under the thermostat recycling and product stewardship laws.

It amends the product stewardship laws to make explicit that product manufacturers may create a stewardship organization to implement their responsibilities for managing the environmental impacts of their products.

MRRA has recycling bins & curbside carts for sale.

We offer large and small quantity purchasing of recycling curbside bins and wheeled carts.



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and color availability @ 942-6772.**



18 gallon bins starting at \$8.00
(minimum quantity: 100)

Wheeled carts in several popular sizes
(minimum quantity: 54)

MRRA also offers these services:

- Maine's Recycling & Annual Solid Waste Conference
- Recycling & Solid Waste Technical Assistance
- Consulting – MRRA will send a rep for a free no obligation site visit
- Marketing of recyclable materials
- The Scrap Paper Newsletter
- Workshops & Tours

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 <http://maine.gov/spo/recycle/mainerecyclesweek/index.htm> or contact Bruce White at the State Planning Office (624-6247 or 800-662-4545 or via email at Bruce.White@maine.gov).

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