



The Scrap Paper

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Compost Bin Sale Successful

With the cooperation of 42 cities, towns and other organizations, MRRRA has sold 2,100 discounted Earth Machine compost bins. The bins will be delivered by the end of June. 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.

Calendar

Thursday, June 23, Bangor

MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM

MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM

Thursday, July 28, Augusta

MRRRA Education Committee Meeting - 9:30 AM

MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM

Thursday, August 25, Bangor

MRRRA Board of Directors Meeting - 1:00 PM

September, Exact Date & Place To Be Announced

MRRRA Annual Meeting & Workshop

November 8th-15th

Maine Recycles Week

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.

	June '05	February '05	June '04
OCC	\$ 66 - 71	\$ 96	\$ 81 - 96
#8 NEWS	\$ 81	\$ 76-81	\$ 81 - 86
Mixed Paper	\$ 46	\$ 52	\$ 50 - 58
Sorted Office	\$ 91	\$121 - 126	\$131
#2 HDPE Natural	\$541	\$526	\$416
#2 HDPE Mixed	\$481	\$506	\$276
#2 HDPE Colored	\$461	\$506	\$256
#1 PET (full load)	\$516	\$406	\$341
Tin Cans (full load)	\$ 4 - 20	\$ 98	\$ 96 - 100
Scrap Metal (delivered)	\$ 23	\$ 34	\$ 30 - 38
Tires (negative)	\$ -100 - -104	\$ -100 - -104	\$ -100 - -104

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

Awards Presented at Annual Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MRRA) announced the recipients of its annual awards at Maine's 12th Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference, on May 2nd & 3rd. The following individuals, programs and businesses were recognized for their contributions to waste reduction and recycling efforts:

- **Distinguished Service Award: Carol Fuller, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments**
- **Volunteer of the Year: Steve Bies, Town of Woodstock**
- **Business of the Year: Unitel Corporation, Unity**
- **Program of the Year: City of Bangor**
- **Manager of the Year: Ken Rich, City of Rockland**
- **Most Improved Program Award: Town of Acton, Randy Goodwin, Transfer Station Manager**

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 – Shawn Hiscock, Sandy River Recycling;**
- **2nd place – Joyce Levesque, Coastal Recycling;**
- **3rd place – Wen Willey, Coastal Recycling;**
- **4th place – Clyde Merrill, Town of Skowhegan.**



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Maine Resource Recovery Association Scholarship Guidelines

(See our website at www.mrra.net or call us at 207-942-6772 to get an application form.)

Section 1. Introduction

The Maine Resource Recovery Association is a nonprofit organization recognized by the State of Maine for providing technical assistance and professional development in the area of waste management and recycling to municipalities and regional associations of the state. In an effort to further the effectiveness, efficiency, and public understanding of the Recycling Industry in the State of Maine, the Board of Directors (Board) of MRRA has established a scholarship program. 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. Two types of scholarships, as described below, will be available.

1.1 Eligibility

Applicants must be a member of MRRA or an employee of or a volunteer with a Maine Resource Recovery Association member facility. The applicant's association with MRRA or the member facility should be for more than six months. The applicant shall not be a member of the family of an MRRA board member. The applicant must be a resident of the State of Maine or must be employed by a facility within the State of Maine. No request shall be approved for activities that are funded in total by other sources.

Section 2. MRRA Activities Scholarships

MRRA offers a number of its own educational activities, including the Recycling & Solid Waste Conference, the Annual Meeting and other workshops. The Board intends to offer 2 to 4 scholarships for the Conference and 2 scholarships for the Annual Meeting and each workshop. Scholarships for these events will be for registration fees only; registration fees generally include a buffet breakfast and lunch. The Board will give priority to applicants who have not already attended the type of activity for which the request is being made and volunteer recycling committee members; once those requests have been satisfied, the Board will award these scholarships on a first come, first served basis. Applications shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to the event. Award of these scholarships will not affect the Scholarship Fund described below.

Section 3. Scholarships for Non-MRRA Activities

3.1 Funding & Awards

The MRRA Board of Directors has established a Scholarship Fund, the earnings of which shall be used to provide the scholarships under the program. It is anticipated that approximately \$1,000 will be available annually to fund the eligible activities noted above.

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Scholarships will be on a reimbursement basis.

There shall be established a Scholarship Review Committee to assist the Board in awarding scholarships. The membership of the Review Committee shall be determined by the Board. The Board shall have sole discretion in awarding the available funds in each year. The number of awards shall be determined solely by the Board. Monies not awarded will be carried over to future years.

Upon completion of the activity the recipient shall provide a receipt showing proof of payment as well as proof of completion. No more than 75% of the total cost of the activity will be awarded.

3.2 Eligible Activities

Members are free to apply for any activity they believe meets the goal statement in the Introduction. Scholarships are not available for any activity or course that is **required** by a Maine Department of Environmental Protection permit. The following types of activities are suggested as being within the financial constraints of the program.

- a. Conferences and short courses offered by SWANA, NERC, NRRRA, NRC and similar organizations.
- b. Adult education courses in computers, math, accounting, personnel management, management and similar.
- c. Technical college and university courses, including continuing education courses, in solid or hazardous waste, ecology, environmental science, computers, math, accounting, personnel management, management and similar.
- d. Compost school.

The scholarship can be used for registration, tuition, books, software, fees, meals and accommodations. No other expenses will be reimbursed.

3.3 Application Process

Applications must be completed in full and submitted to the Maine Resource Recovery Association office no later than December 15 and August 15. Each application shall contain the following: the name of the activity; date; location; sponsoring MRRA member and contact; total cost; and reason for request. The application shall include one statement about the importance of recycling to the individual. Application forms are available on the MRRA web site, www.mrra.net or they may be requested from the MRRA office.

3.4 Selection Process & Criteria

All applicants are entitled to equal consideration. Applications shall be reviewed by the Scholarship Review Committee. Applications will be reviewed for completeness, interest in Recycling and solid waste issues, and appropriateness of proposed activity. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed. All applicants will be notified directly if they have or have not received a scholarship. The recipients will be invited to attend the next annual MRRA conference on the day of the awards ceremony as a guest of MRRA.

Acadia Disposal District Members Benefit From New Ban on Cardboard Disposal

The ADD is a quasi municipal organization that is considering ways to lower the cost of waste disposal on behalf of member municipalities, which include Mt. Desert, Cranberry Isles, Trenton and Tremont. Following Bar Harbor's lead, the Acadia Disposal District (ADD) recently enacted a ban on cardboard disposal that went into effect on January 3, 2005. Since cardboard is no longer included in the waste stream, it is being collected at Eastern Maine Recycling (EMR) in Southwest Harbor where it is then sold and shipped out to be recycled.

EMR records indicate that the combined tonnage of cardboard collected during the first four months following the ban was just slightly more than 102 tons (it should be noted that the town of Mt. Desert also collects cardboard at its public works garage and that material is not included in this figure). With Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) tipping fees hovering around \$61.00/ton in early 2005, towns avoided approximately \$6,200 in waste disposal fees alone. Towns do not currently receive any revenue from the sale of cardboard because there are no provisions for this in their contracts with EMR. Member towns are likely to take this into consideration if future contracts are negotiated, since over the past three years, mills have been purchasing cardboard for an average price of \$70/ton. A quick calculation shows that ADD towns could have earned approximately \$7,140 on top of the avoided cost, which would amount to a total savings of \$13,340 in just four months if cardboard revenue was received by member towns!

The Hancock County Planning Commission is supportive of the ADD's efforts to lower costs associated with solid waste disposal and strongly encourages other towns, especially those with a fair number of businesses, to consider a cardboard disposal ban. For more information, contact Tony Smith, chairman of the ADD at 276-3232 or Sherry Churchill, HCPC Planner at 667-7131.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET:

Maine Recycles Week, November 8th-15th. Visit www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/mrw/ for more information and plan an activity around this celebration. Also, visit our website (www.mrra.net) for a variety of up-to-date information.

One More Way to Give New Life to Old Things

The Freecycle network is a two year old grassroots movement that started in Tucson, Arizona to help diminish the amount of material entering the waste stream (much like the HCPC Swap Shop that never really met its potential). Freecycle is now available in most areas across the nation, including Hancock County, Maine. Members of the on-line Freecycle community are able to post items they are interested in getting rid of for free or offer to accept posted items.

Among items available during a recent visit to the Freecycle website were miscellaneous baby items, dishwasher, Sony color television, and an Iomega zip drive – all available at no cost and still in working order. As this newsletter heads to the printers, there are 232 members of the Hancock County network and 1,068 in the Bangor network. Membership is free – moderators simply ask that Freecycle etiquette be followed (a link to "etiquette" instructions can be found on the website). Please help spread the word about this great opportunity to further reduce the amount of waste entering the waste stream. For more information, visit the Freecycle website at www.freecycle.org.

MARRA Board of Directors Nomination Form

To: Members, Maine Resource Recovery Association
From: Ron Slater, President, Board of Directors
Re: Board Elections

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 Ron Slater, Sandy River Recycling, PO Box 706, Farmington, ME 04938-0706 or fax it to Ron at 207-778-6488. Please try and get it to Ron no later than August 31st so the committee will have plenty of time for any follow up that needs to be done.

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