



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

June 2011

For the most up-to-date information check our web site at mrra.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MARRA Board of Directors Meetings

Thursday, July 28, 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, August 25, 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, September 22 or 29, TBD

MARRA Annual Meeting & Workshops

Monday, October 24th (tentative), 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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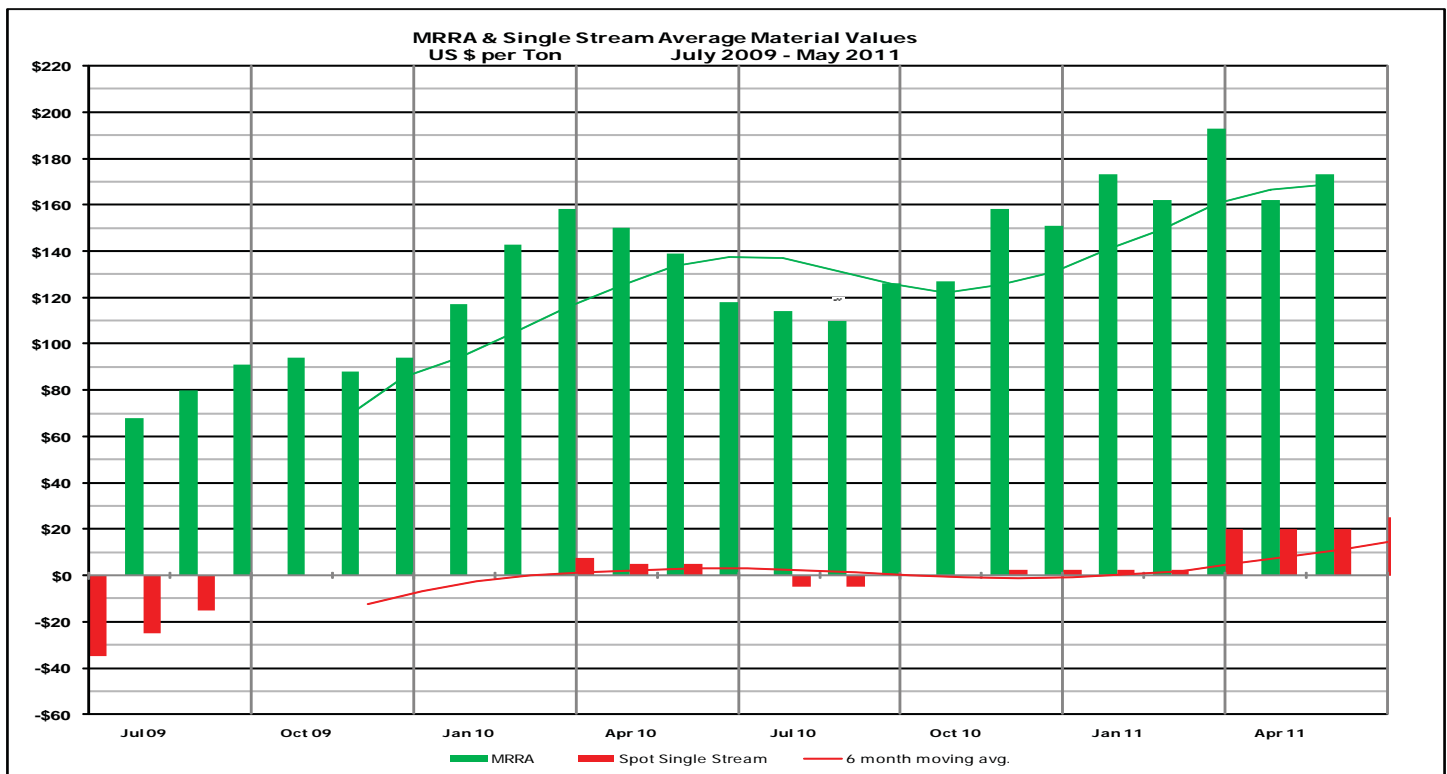
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

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?

Despite indications of a continuing weak recovery, material prices remain significantly above historical averages. Reports indicate concern about a shortage of material being generated but mills are able to get all they need and more. Some are cutting back because they have enough on hand or readily available. Finding takers (mill buyers) for material may become difficult, as it often does when mills take summer maintenance down time. If the peak holiday buildup doesn't increase demand soon look for prices to drop, perhaps significantly. As always, China is the wild card.

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

	June '11	Dec '10	June '10
OCC	\$155	\$166	\$116
#8 NEWS	\$130	\$96	\$86
Mixed Paper	\$75-94	\$60-78	\$46
SOW	\$276	\$206	\$206
HDPE-Natural	\$764	\$496	\$616
HDPE-Mixed	\$624	\$356	\$596
HDPE-Colored	\$614	\$336	\$576
PET (full load)	\$795	\$606	\$296
Tin Cans (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$240-275	\$206-225	\$188-208
Scrap Metal (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$125-\$210	\$106-186	\$46-123
Tires (negative)	-\$111	-\$110	-\$110
MRRA net avg. paid prior month	\$173	\$158	\$140
ecomaine single stream (delivered)	\$25	\$2.50	\$0



MRRA Board of Directors Nomination Form

To: Members, Maine Resource Recovery Association
From: Ross Nason, President, Board of Directors

Please use this form to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors of the MRRA for the coming year. The MRRA 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 MRRA. We would like to give more people with an interest in, or knowledge of, solid waste & recycling issues the chance to participate in MRRA. We are asking our members to nominate potential Board members. These nominations will be compiled by a committee and then the membership will vote on the nominees at our Annual Meeting / Workshop in the fall.

If you are unsure of what MRRA is, or what serving on the Board means as far as time commitment is concerned, please feel free to call me at 453-4260 x23. **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. Several meetings a year are via conference calls.

Nomination made by: _____ Title: _____ Phone: _____

Nominee: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Town: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Work Phone #: _____

Reasons I wish to serve on (or I think the nominee would be an asset to) the Board of MRRA:

Please mail this filled-out form to Ross Nason, c/o KVCOG, 17 Main St, Fairfield, ME 04937 or fax it to Ross at 207-453-4264. Please try and get it to us by August 9th so the committee will have time for any follow up and to prepare ballots. Thank you.

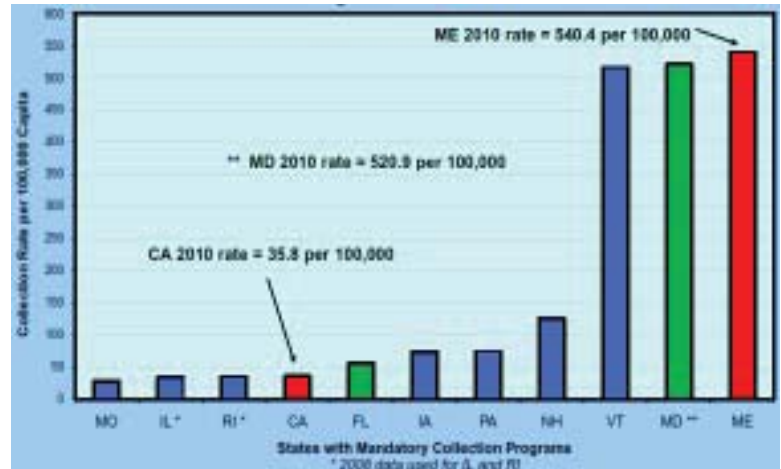
What's New with Product Stewardship in Maine?

Product Stewardship Programs Increase Recycling, and Recycling Creates Jobs, Saves Money and Protects the Environment

- Maine continues to lead the nation in the number of mercury thermostats recycled per person each year.
- The number of mercury auto switches recycled through Maine's product stewardship program increased in the first few months of 2011 after Maine DEP and manufacturers worked together to make it easier for scrap yards to turn switches in for recycling.
- In 2010 municipalities recycled almost 5.5 million pounds of e-waste through Maine's product stewardship program. The Dell/Goodwill ReConnect program recycled an additional 1.15 million pounds.

MAINE IS #1!

State-by-state comparison of mercury-added thermostat recycling rates



Prepared by CA DTSC

Mercury-added Lamps

Manufacturers are recruiting collection sites for their free mercury-added lamp recycling program. Over 100 retailers have already signed up to collect CFLs. Municipalities that sign up can order free storage and shipping boxes for all kinds of fluorescent lamps, including linear lamps up to 8' long. Instructions for signing up are at www.lamprecycle.org/maine.

If you have questions about Maine's Product Stewardship Programs, please contact Carole Cifrino (207-287-7720 or carole.a.cifrino@maine.gov).

If you would like to receive training or on-site technical assistance to collect covered products, please contact Ann Pistell (207-287-7702 or ann.e.pistell@maine.gov). Both are at the Maine DEP.

Electronics

Rep. Melissa Walsh Innes shepherded LD 981 through the legislative process this year resulting in some changes to Maine's E-Waste Product Stewardship Law. These include:

- Manufacturers will cover the costs of consolidation and recycling of covered electronics delivered to collection sites by elementary and secondary schools, and businesses and non-profits with 100 or fewer employees (in addition to households as already served by the program).
- The number of covered electronic devices that can be delivered at one time to a collection site by a covered entity is limited to seven (7) unless the collection site agrees to accept more.
- The annual manufacturer registration fee has been lowered for small manufacturers.
- A streamlined process for licensed electronics dismantlers to be approved to process cathode ray tubes has been created.

Collection sites may generally assume that anyone delivering seven or fewer covered electronic devices (TVs, game consoles, monitors, laptops, digital picture frames, tablets, e-readers, and desktop printers) at one time is a covered entity unless they know the electronics are from a business that has more than 100 employees.

You can find the revised law at www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/ewaste.

News & Notes of Interest

Amazon Expands Trade-In Program

<http://www.amazon.com/b/?ie=UTF8&node=2242532011>

Amazon has expanded its product trade-in program to include electronics, so if you've got obsolete or unwanted items - from tablets to smartphones, MP3 players to digital cameras, GPS units, and more - you can send them to Amazon.com and get gift certificates in return.

What is the Amazon Trade-in Program?

The Amazon Trade-In Program allows you to receive an Amazon.com Gift Card in exchange for sending your eligible items to us or a merchant.

Appliance and Electronics Recycling Guide

<http://appliancehelp.com/resources/Appliance-And-Electronics-Recycling-Guide.aspx>

We give a lot of thought and research into purchasing new appliances and electronics. However when it comes to disposing of these products, these non-biodegradable materials usually end up in landfills. You can do your part to keep recyclable electronics, such as air conditioners, cell phones, clothes washers and dryers, computers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, and televisions, from becoming buried in the earth. By taking the time to recycle, you can help to conserve national resources, such as water, timber, and minerals and protect the environment for future generations.

The Tornadoes of Spring 2011 May Be Gone, but not Forgotten

Excerpted from MSW Management Editor's Blog of 6/14/11 By John Trotti, Editor, MSW Management

<http://www.mswmanagement.com/blogs/msw-editors-blog/the-tornadoes-of-spring-2011-may-be-gone-but-not-forgotten-82026.aspx>

What will receive little if any press is the daunting task that lies ahead for federal and state disaster relief officials who will have to plan, coordinate, and make available funds for cleanup. In the thick of the action will be waste managers from the entire region, who will have to oversee the cataloging, collection, storage, and disposal of millions of tons of wreckage that present a severe threat to public health and safety.

(MRRR editorial comment: Would you be ready and able to handle this if it was your town?!)

Please, please, PLEASE! Be CAREFUL out there!!!

Mississippi company cited for safety violations after amputation

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/email.html?id=1308756629>

A recycling company in Glen, Miss., was cited with four safety violations by OSHA after a February incident in which the worker had both legs amputated when his foot became caught in a baling machine as he tried to clear cardboard that had jammed.

St. Louis County man dies after getting caught in compactor

http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_0ee7a14c-95c7-11e0-a99f-0019bb30f31a.html

A worker died early Sunday after getting caught in a machine at a recycling company in Earth City, authorities say.

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).

MRRA has recycling bins & curbside carts for sale.

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

Custom artwork available.

**Give us a call today for pricing
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

MRRA MARKETING COOPERATIVE

MARKETING MAINE'S RECYCLABLES COOPERATIVELY

Begun in 1992, the Marketing Cooperative serves over 250 Maine cities, towns and businesses through 80+ regional and stand-alone recycling processing centers. Developed through a partnership between the former Maine Waste Management Agency and the Maine Resource Recovery Association, the Cooperative provides a forum for recycling personnel to network with peers, industry officials, and end-user markets.

The Cooperative also provides education on market trends, product specifications, workplace safety, and annual forklift certification through the Maine Bureau of Labor. Meetings provide a forum to identify common needs, solutions and goals.

The Marketing Cooperative is more than a recyclable materials broker. It:

- Will respond to your RFPs to give you more options
- Provides consistent product specifications
- Provides technical assistance, market research & development
- Maintains multiple markets for each material
- Maintains relationships with brokers and end-users
- Places orders with markets
- Coordinates the transportation (including coordinating partial loads from multiple members to make full loads)
- Allows members to maintain control of the sale
- Has accountability to members
- Is an advocate for its members in the marketplace
- Maintains a control & documentation system to provide accurate payment
- Provides administrative support, collections, & dispute resolution
- Offers workshops to improve marketability of materials, workplace safety, and information regarding regulations
- Created and presents the Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference in cooperation with our sponsors & exhibitors

Let MRRA market a trial load for your town or business today! Call Victor Horton at 207-942-6772.

MRRA Freon & Propane Tank Removal Services

Freon

Option 1 (Minimum 25 units of air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, and refrigerators)
We remove the freon at a cost to you of \$8.50 per unit for 25-49 units or \$7.50 per unit for 50+ units. You get to sell the scrap metal yourself. At current market values a 200 lb. refrigerator is worth about \$14. MRRA can also arrange the scrap metal service for you if you would like.

Option 2 (Minimum 60 units (including doors) of A/Cs, dehumidifiers, freezers, & refrigerators)
We take the units away and you pay \$1.00 per unit. The vendor gets your scrap metal for free.

Propane Tanks

Option 1 (Minimum 60 20-lb. tanks)
MRRA pays you \$.50 each for the 20 lb. tanks.
You pay MRRA \$.50 each for the 1 lb. tanks.
You pay MRRA \$9.00 each for the 100 lb. tanks.
Add a \$30.00 Coop Fee per load.

Option 2 (This option is not available if using Freon Option 1, only Freon Option 2.)

You pay MRRA \$1.00 per 20 lb. tank, 100 lb. tank, and microwave.

You pay MRRA \$0.50 per 1 lb. tank.

A truck load would equal a 60 unit total of freon plus 20 lb. propane tanks. There is no limit on the number of 1 lb. tanks.

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