



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRA Winter Workshop

January 26th, Hilton Garden Inn, Auburn (See page 4 for more details.)

MRRA Board of Directors Meetings

(All members always most welcome to attend!)

Thursday, February 25, Noon, Bangor Public Works, Bangor

Thursday, March 25, Noon, State Planning Office, Augusta

Thursday, May 27, Noon, Bangor Public Works, Bangor

17th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

April 26 - 27, 2010, Samoset Resort, Rockport - Mark your calendar and save the dates!

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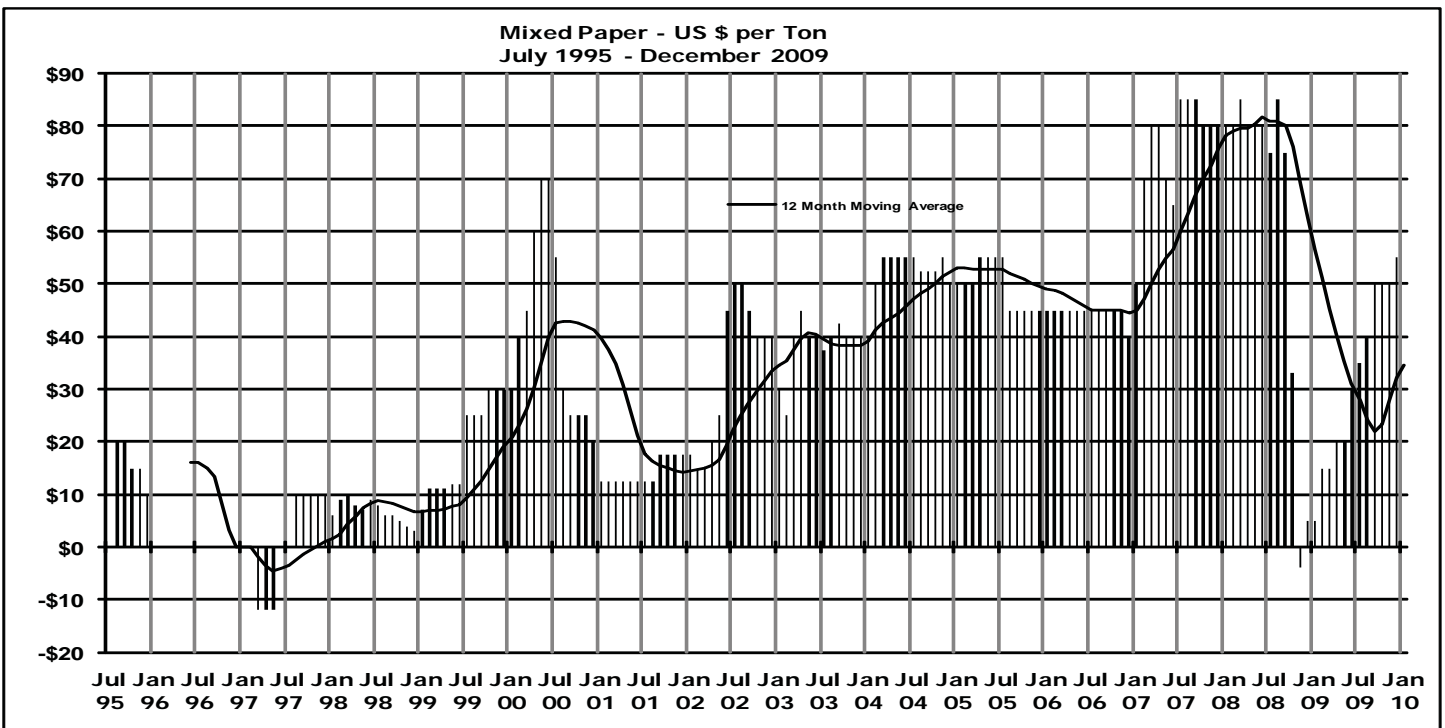
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

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?

The last few months have shown mostly improving pricing with the exception of OCC which dropped \$5 per ton in October and has been steady since then. The economy has shown continued hints of recovery despite rising unemployment numbers. These prices reflect a major improvement from a year ago and now remain at or above their historical averages. Since fall usually sees prices drop, the fact that they have held up well is encouraging.

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

	Dec '09	Sept '09	Dec '08
OCC	\$71	\$76	\$16-21
#8 NEWS	\$86	\$76	\$26-31
Mixed Paper	\$50-60	\$56	-\$15
SOW	\$191	\$141	\$96
HDPE-Natural	\$486	\$461	\$256
HDPE-Mixed	\$316	\$311	\$216
HDPE-Colored	\$306	\$271	\$91
PET (full load)	\$306	\$296	\$176
Tin Cans	\$136	\$93	\$11-26
Scrap Metal (p/u)	\$81	\$81	-\$15 - \$25
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$110
MRRA net average paid	\$87 (Nov, Dec TBD)	\$96	na
ecomaine single stream (delivered)	\$0	\$0	-\$55 (negative)



Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Awards

To Be Presented At The Dinner Reception at the Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference
Monday April 26, 2010, Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine

Deadline for Nominations: Postmarked or faxed by: Friday, February 26, 2010

Mail: Maine Resource Recovery Association, PO Box 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838 or Fax: 942-4017

Award Categories

- Recycling or Solid Waste Manager of the Year
- Operator of the Year
- Program of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Most Improved Program
- Composter of the Year
- Outstanding Quality Award
- Recycling Business of the Year
- Distinguished Service Award

Criteria Guidelines for the Awards

- Were there unusual problems to solve in the program?
- Was there a creative approach to solving the problem?
- Did the nominee use a cost-effective approach or creative use of limited resources?
- Did the nominee demonstrate leadership in rallying public support?
- Was the nominee addressing difficult to manage waste?
- Include the degree of commitment and the impact on the environment if appropriate?
- Include any information that would help the committee choose your nominee

Nominee Award Application

Name of Award _____ Name of Nominee _____

Position/Title of Nominee _____ Program/Town Name _____

Nominee's Telephone # _____ Person Making the Nomination _____

Telephone # _____

Please briefly describe the Nominee or Program's accomplishments as they relate to the criteria above.

2010 MRRA Winter Workshop

Tuesday, January 26th (snow date: Thursday, Jan. 28th)

Call 207-942-6772 for weather postponements.

HILTON GARDEN INN, 14 GREAT FALLS PLAZA, AUBURN, ME

MRRA workshops are always informative and interesting events. Come and exchange ideas with your peers in the solid waste industry!

Time	Session	Tour
8:15 - 9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast Buffet	
9:00 - 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Getting Stuck by Your Garbage: Needles, Sharps & Disease</p> <p>Adela Cifelli of the Department of Labor SafetyWorks! program will discuss safety precautions and facility operators will offer their experience with these hazards.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Group 1 (limited to first 20) Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. Auburn</p> <p>This is a mass burn incinerator serving communities in the Lewiston-Auburn area capable of burning 220 tons per day.</p>
10:45 - 12:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Involving the Community: How a Recycling Committee and Outreach Efforts Can Improve Community Relations.</p> <p>Hear how others have added momentum and enthusiasm to their efforts through the involvement of volunteers and community outreach efforts.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Group 2 (limited to first 20) Mid-Maine Waste Action Corp. Auburn</p> <p>This is a mass burn incinerator serving communities in the Lewiston-Auburn area capable of burning 220 tons per day.</p>
12:15 - 1:00	Luncheon Buffet	
1:00 - 2:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Virtual Tour, UW update & Roundtable Discussions</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A virtual tour of the Juniper Ridge (West Old Town) landfill An brief update on Universal Waste rules Followed by Roundtable Discussions on: Composting Universal Waste Transfer Station Operations</p>	

The program is tentative and subject to change.

2010 MRRA Winter Workshop, Tuesday, January 26th, Auburn (snow date: Thursday, Jan. 28)

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Name: _____ Title: _____ Circle if intending: Tour #1 #2

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

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

Workshop Cost: Members \$45 Non-members \$50 (by January 12th)

All (after January 12th) \$60 **(MUST register by Jan. 19th.)**

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

Please check one: Member already: _____ Joining today: _____ Non-member _____

Dues (if joining today) \$ _____

_____ Member Registrations @ \$45 = \$ _____

_____ Non-member Registrations @ \$50 = \$ _____

_____ All Registrations @ \$60 **(after Jan. 12th)** = \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Payment: (please check one)

_____ Deduct from Revenue (for Marketing Members only - please initial _____)

_____ Check enclosed or to follow this fax by mail

_____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover

Acct. # _____ Exp. Month _____ Year 20 _____ CCV _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Signature (credit card orders only): _____

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

No registrations or cancellations will be accepted after Tues., January 19th.

MRRA's phone number is 207-942-6772.

MARRA Annual Compost Bin Sale

It is estimated that 25% of an average household's waste is kitchen scraps and yard trimmings. The Maine Resource Recovery Association (MARRA) in cooperation with Norseman Plastics, an Orbis company, is pleased to offer **The Earth Machine™** backyard compost bins at reduced costs to Maine communities and their residents.

Through local sales opportunities by municipalities, community groups, or service organizations (one lead group per community). Earth Machine™ backyard compost bins, kitchen pails, compost turners and rain barrels can be provided to homeowners at "Co-op buying power" low prices: bins will sell for **\$38.50**...a retail value of \$120, kitchen pails for **\$8.00**, a wingdigger compost turner for **\$16.50** and a rain barrel for **\$55.00**. This item alone retails for over \$130.

Once you register with MARRA to participate, a sample of everything can be sent to you, to assist with sales!



Residents will also receive a "how to" guide for FREE with each compost bin!

How the Program Works

1 CONTACT the Maine Resource Recovery Association (MARRA) at (207-942-6772) or email victor.horton@mrra.net for a Participation Packet.

2 REGISTER with the MARRA to participate in the sale.

3 PROMOTE the sale of bins and/or pails (a poster with an attached order form will be provided for easy copying) and accept orders until **April 30, 2010**, keeping track of who orders.

4 RETURN the Final Order Form and checks made payable to MARRA by **MAY 4, 2010**. Bins and wingdigger orders must be made in exact multiples of 20 ONLY, Rain barrels are in lots of 15 and kitchen pails are in lots of 26.

Team up with a neighbor if you need to meet the minimum quantities.

5 ACCEPT delivery of compost bins/pails sometime during the week of **May 10, 2010**.

6 DISTRIBUTE the compost bins/pails to your residents and they start composting!

* **This program is also available as a fund-raiser for your group.**

Prepayments for orders will be accepted until **April 9, 2010** for delivery during the weeks of April 12-23, 2010, for those early birds.

**Sign up your town or organization for the Spring 2010 campaign.
Contact MARRA at 207-942-6772 or email victor.horton@mrra.net**

Nudging Recycling From Less Waste to None by Leslie Kaufman

www.nytimes.com/2009/10/20/science/earth/20trash.html

Americans are still the undisputed champions of trash, dumping 4.6 pounds per person per day, according to the E.P.A.'s most recent figures. More than half of that ends up in landfills or is incinerated.

But across the nation, an anti-garbage strategy known as "zero waste" is moving from the fringes to the mainstream, taking hold in school cafeterias, national parks, restaurants, stadiums and corporations.

The movement is simple in concept if not always in execution: Produce less waste. Shun polystyrene foam containers or any other packaging that is not biodegradable. Recycle or compost whatever you can.

Though born of idealism, the zero-waste philosophy is now propelled by sobering realities, like the growing difficulty of securing permits for new landfills and an awareness that organic decay in landfills releases methane that helps warm the earth's atmosphere. Read the full article at the link above.

Here are a couple of interesting articles by Natalie Ermann Russel:

How to Recycle Anything: An A-to-Z guide of what can be tossed into which bin.

www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/organizing/tips-techniques/recycle-anything-0000000006117

Recycling facts that may surprise you

www.cnn.com/2009/TECH/10/06/recycling.refresher/

Green2LiveClean offers businesses FREE e-waste recycling

green2liveclean.com

Green2LiveClean.com is America's premier source for business electronics recycling needs. Located near Atlanta, GA, Green2LiveClean.com offers FREE electronics recycling services for companies located throughout the United States. There is NO CHARGE for their service and they pay for pick up & delivery!

Green2LiveClean.com also introduced a Pay to Recycle program which allows businesses to GET PAID TO RECYCLE! Now, you can get paid for certain materials that qualify for their get paid program.

Call to schedule a pick up of your unwanted, working or non-working electronic products.

Green2LiveClean.com provides battery recycling, cell phone recycling, computer recycling, electronic waste recycling, electronics recycling, metal recycling, networking equipment, recycling electronic scrap, reuse, telecommunications equipment.

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This process will offer several advantages to you & MRRRA including faster delivery, better, full-color pictures & graphics, embedded hyperlinks, easily saveable to your hard drive for future reference and cost savings on printing & postage.

If you would like to stop getting the paper version and start getting the e-mail version, please clearly print your e-mail address below and either fax this page to MRRRA at 207-942-4017 or mail it to MRRRA PO Box 1838 Bangor ME 04402-1838.

E-mail Address: _____ @ _____

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).

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