



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

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This issue was delayed to provide you with the latest on the activity of the Maine legislature.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRRA Board of Directors Meetings

Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, August 27, 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, October 22, Noon, Bangor Public Works, Bangor

MRRRA Annual Meeting / Tour / Workshop

Monday, September 21 (tentative)

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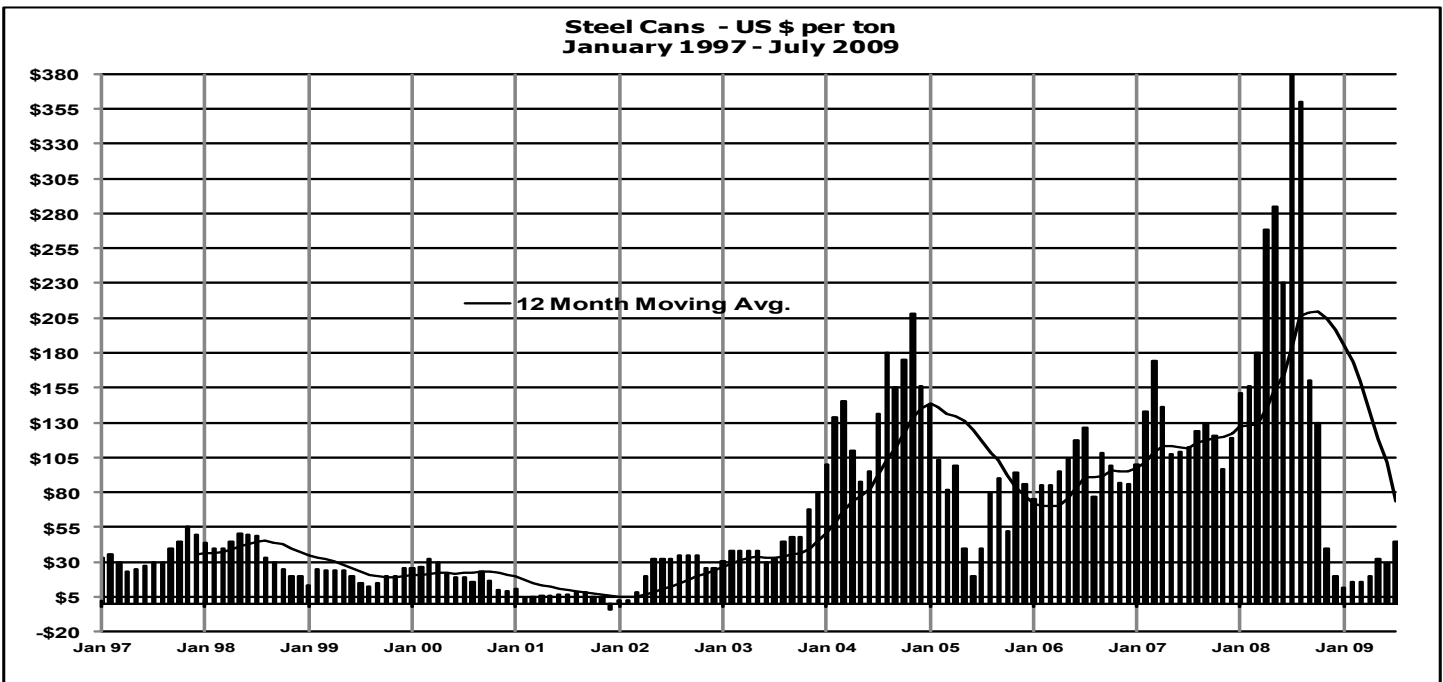
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

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?

Recent months have seen mixed signals on the economy but have trended somewhat positive. As a result paper prices have increased modestly to almost their historical averages. Plastic prices have been fairly stable while metal prices have improved slightly. Clear signals of what lies ahead are still not apparent so be prepared for continued volatility.

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

	July '09	March '09	June '08
OCC	\$61	\$31	\$91-111
#8 NEWS	\$56	\$41	\$121
Mixed Paper	\$26- \$37	\$0 - -\$12	\$71-76
SOW	\$121	\$96	\$211
HDPE Natural	\$426	\$346	\$696
HDPE Mixed	\$286	\$296	\$516
HDPE Colored	\$216	\$246	\$416
PET (full load)	\$296	\$176	\$396
Tin Cans	\$41	\$16	\$281-291
Scrap Metal	\$11 - 56	\$16 - 38	\$161
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$104



Maine Resource Recovery Association

Member/Customer Survey

Fax to 942-4017

The MRRA wants to hear how we can better serve our clients and membership. Please take a few moments to fill out the following survey.

Submit your response by August 15 to be entered into a drawing for a MRRA jacket or a \$50 gift certificate. Thank You for your time!

The mission of the MRRA is to:

- Foster professional solid waste management practices;
- Further the development of recycling and other forms of resource recovery as cost-effective components of environmentally sound solid waste management in Maine communities; and
- Assist with the marketing of recyclable and reuse materials.

1. Are you currently a member of MRRA?

- Yes For how many years? _____
- No Why not? _____

Name of person completing survey: _____

Community/Business/Facility: _____

Address: _____

Telephone/E-mail: _____

2. MRRA currently provides these services. On a scale from 1-4 please rate (by circling your preference) the following for each category:

Service	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	Non-Applicable
Cooperative marketing of recyclables	1	2	3	4
Cooperative Purchasing (baling wire, strapping)	1	2	3	4
Workshops & conferences	1	2	3	4
Technical assistance/consulting	1	2	3	4
Newsletter	1	2	3	4
Website	1	2	3	4
Sales of materials/items (compost & recycle bins, etc.)	1	2	3	4
Arranging Freon removal	1	2	3	4
Other (please specify) _____	1	2	3	4

3. In the following space, please suggest new MRRA services that would be helpful to you and your organization. _____

4. Do employees and/or members of your municipality, business, or organization regularly attend any of the following MRRA sponsored events? (check all that apply and rate quality accordingly)

Event	Attendance			Overall Quality		
	Regularly Attend	Occasionally Attend	Never Attend	Excellent	Fair	Poor
Workshops						
Tours						
Annual Conference						

5. If *not* in regular attendance, we are interested in the reason (i.e. Too busy? Travel distance? Cost?) and your suggestions for topics that may be of interest. Please provide comments here: _____

6. I am willing to travel the this distance for a one-day workshop or tour:

- Less than 30 miles
- 31-60 miles
- 61-100 miles
- Any distance if the subject is important

Preferred time (i.e. mornings, evenings, day of week):

7. Single stream (SS) recycling is gaining in popularity, especially in the southern Maine region. This community service invites residents to place all recyclables into one bin instead of sorting according to the type of packaging (cans, PET, mixed paper, etc.) What is the current status of your community?

- Already Accepting SS ➔ Curbside only Facility only
- Strongly Considering SS

Would Like More Information. Specifically what type of SS information might MRRA provide to your community?

2009 Maine Legislative Solid Waste Bills Passed into Law

The Maine legislature enacted several laws affecting solid waste during their most recent session:

LD 367 To Convene a Work Group To Design and Implement a Statewide Disposable Checkout Bag Reduction Campaign, with Benchmarks

The resolve requires the Executive Department, SPO to establish a work group consisting of agencies, organizations and businesses for the purpose of reducing the distribution of disposable checkout bags. The work group is charged with assessing recycling infrastructure capacities, developing language for a memorandum of understanding with goals and benchmarks for reducing the use of disposable checkout bags, designing a statewide promotional campaign and identifying funding sources. The work group is directed to submit a report to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources, and the committee is authorized to report out legislation relating to the report.

LD 536 To Enhance Maine's Electronic Waste Recycling Law

This bill amends Maine's electronics recycling laws to do the following.

1. It adds desktop printers and video game consoles to the electronic devices covered by the recycling laws.
2. It clarifies that digital picture frames are a type of computer monitor and, as such, are subject to the recycling laws.
3. It repeals provisions that currently require manufacturers of covered electronic devices to submit a recycling plan and an annual report to the Department of Environmental Protection and replaces the repealed manufacturer responsibility provisions with an annual registration requirement designed to reduce the regulatory burden for manufacturers while providing the information needed by the Department of Environmental Protection to effectively administer the recycling laws.

LD 733 To Examine Environmental Effects of the Resource Recovery System

This resolve proposes to review and evaluate the beverage container laws in the context of existing municipal recycling programs with a focus on the environmental effects that these laws and programs generate.

The review will include an assessment of:

1. Current recycling rates;
2. The carbon footprints created by the beverage recycling laws and municipal recycling programs;
3. Comprehensive recycling programs in the State;
4. Barriers to comprehensive recycling;
5. Alternative models of sustainability;
6. Energy and economic efficiencies;
7. The effect of educational programs on recycling rates; and
8. Litter prevention and waste reduction efforts.

LD 759 To Require State-owned Solid Waste Disposal Facilities To Demonstrate a Public Benefit

Current law provides that certain landfills are exempt from demonstrating a significant public benefit, including landfills that are state-owned. This bill removes the exemption for state-owned landfills.

LD 760 To Improve Landfill Capacity

This bill proposes to increase the availability of landfill space by either conserving capacity in current publicly owned landfills or allowing limited expansion of current privately owned landfills.

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LD 973 To Provide for the Safe Collection and Recycling of Mercury-containing Lighting

This bill requires each manufacturer of mercury-added lamps to implement a mercury-added lamp recycling program for the recycling of the mercury-added lamps sold or distributed in the State for household use. It authorizes the Department of Environmental Protection to adopt mercury content standards established for lamps sold in the European Union pursuant to the RoHS directive. It directs the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to prefer lamps with the lowest possible mercury content when making purchasing decisions. It requires the Department of Environmental Protection to submit a report by January 1, 2010 to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources on the recycling of mercury-added lamps from businesses, and it authorizes the committee to submit legislation to implement the recommendations in the report.

LD 1026 Concerning Mercury-added Button Cell Batteries

This bill implements the recommendations of the Department of Environmental Protection in its report to the Legislature pursuant to Public Law 2005, chapter 509. The bill amends the ban on the sale of mercury-added button cell batteries.

LD 1042 To Continue To Reduce Mercury Use and Emissions

Clarifies the definition of the term "mercury switch" as used in the law on mercury-added products. Bans the sale of devices used to balance motor vehicle wheels and devices used to reduce recoil when discharging firearms if the devices contain mercury.

Amends the law governing removal of mercury switches from motor vehicles to give automakers flexibility in the design of systems put in place to collect mercury switches from automobile recyclers and junkyard operators who are required by law to remove the switches. The bill also eliminates the need to record the 17-digit vehicle identification number as a prerequisite to payment of the switch bounty. Automakers will be required to pay a minimum of \$4 for each switch delivered to them for recycling whether or not the vehicle identification number of the source vehicle is provided.

Consolidates the law banning the sale of mercury thermostats with the law that requires manufacturers to establish a program to collect and recycle mercury thermostats placed in service before the ban.

Amends the law on collection and recycling of mercury thermostats to:

1. Limit the applicability of the manufacturer collection requirement by defining "manufacturer" to exclude persons whose brand or label appears on the thermostat if the thermostat was manufactured by someone else;
2. Require manufacturers of mercury thermostats to submit a quarterly report on the number of thermostats and amount of mercury collected to the Department of Environmental Protection;
3. Require manufacturers to implement an education and outreach plan approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and to annually submit a proposed plan to the department for review; and
4. Expand the collection and recycling program to include retailers who volunteer to participate.

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LD 1156 To Amend the Laws Governing the Recycling of Televisions

This bill changes the basis for television manufacturers' responsibility for recycling televisions to a market share basis. It assigns the cost of the program among television manufacturers on a sliding scale based on the number of televisions each manufacturer sells compared to all televisions recycled.

LD 1313 Directing the State Planning Office To Prepare a Reorganization Plan

This bill directs the Executive Department, State Planning Office, to create a plan to reorganize the State Planning Office to only provide planning services to state agencies, with the agencies to provide staff support. This bill also directs the State Planning Office to study and recommend legislation to transfer certain other powers and duties of the office to other agencies in anticipation of the dissolution. The bill authorizes the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government to submit emergency legislation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature in anticipation of the current organization of the State Planning Office ending on July 1, 2010.

LD 1476 Regarding the Transfer of Licenses for Energy Recovery Facilities

This bill prohibits the Department of Environmental Protection from approving the transfer of a solid waste facility license during the stated term of a waste handling contract between a solid waste facility that incinerates solid waste and its host community. Under this bill, the department may not grant a new license to the new owner of a solid waste facility until the expiration of a due diligence review period for the host community, the receipt of written consent of the host community and a public hearing and review conducted by the Board of Environmental Protection.

More information on any legislation may be found by searching the state web site at:
http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/default_ps.asp?PID=1456&snum=124

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Will load on your truck.

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 x24. **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 MRRA at 207-942-4017. Please try and get it to us by August 23rd so the committee will have time for any follow up and to prepare ballots. Thank you.

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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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