



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

December 2010

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRA Winter Workshop

January 24th, Millennium Wedding & Convention Center, Palmyra (Newport)

(See page 4 for more details.)

MRRA Board of Directors Meetings

(All members always most welcome to attend!)

January - To be determined

February - To be determined

March - To be determined

18th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

April 25-26, 2011, Point Lookout Resort & Conference Center, Northport - Save the dates now!

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RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

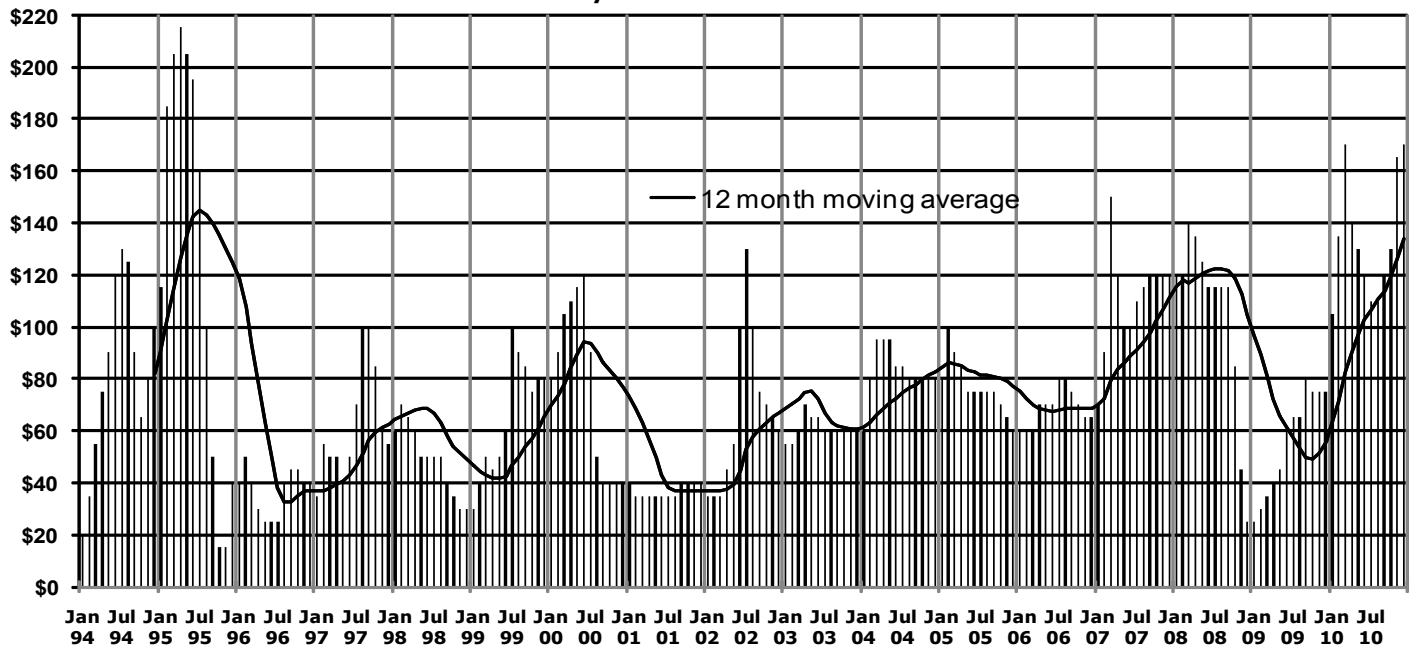
We leverage our members' tonnage, seeking new markets to get YOU the best prices. How do our prices compare to what you are being offered?

Prices have continued to climb and are approaching record levels for many materials. The direction of the overall economy remains unclear and, with the price of oil (gasoline) rising, it is tenuous at best. The only time OCC prices have been higher in the last 20 years was five months in 1995. It would be prudent to expect prices to decline in the months ahead. January paper pricing will not be available until the 6th.

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

	Dec '10	Sept '10	Dec '09
OCC	\$166	\$116	\$71
#8 NEWS	\$96	\$86	\$86
Mixed Paper	\$60-78	\$46-78	\$50-60
SOW	\$206	\$209	\$191
HDPE-Natural	\$496	\$484	\$486
HDPE-Mixed	\$356	\$344	\$316
HDPE-Colored	\$336	\$314	\$306
PET (full load)	\$606	\$414	\$306
Tin Cans	\$206-225	\$198-208	\$136
Scrap Metal (p/u)	\$106-186	\$101-181	\$81
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$110
MRRA net average paid	\$158 (Nov) Dec TBD	\$111	\$98
ecomaine single stream (delivered)	\$2.50	\$0	\$0

Old Corrugated Cardboard (OCC) - US \$ per Ton
January 1994 - December 2010



Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Awards

To Be Presented At The Dinner Reception at the Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference
Monday April 25, 2011, Point Lookout Resort, Northport, Maine

Deadline for Nominations: Postmarked or faxed by: Friday, February 25, 2011

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.

2011 MRRA Winter Workshop

Monday, January 24th, 2011

Snow date (only if state offices are closed): Tuesday, Jan. 25th

Millennium Wedding & Convention Center, Palmyra (Newport), Exit 157

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

Please fax your registration asap to 942-4017.

Time	Schedule	
8:15-9:00	Registration & Continental Breakfast	
9:00-10:20	Safety: Blood-bourne Pathogens Adela Cifelli from Maine Department of Labor SafetyWorks!	What Computers Can Do For Your Program Recordkeeping What Your Website Needs Using Social Media
10:40-12:00	Safety Certification: Personal Protective Equipment Part 1 This 2-part session will qual- ify you for a certificate of training.	What's New in Universal Waste Carole Cifrino of DEP and Jim Dun- ning of Casella Waste Systems will discuss the latest developments and opportunities.
12:00-1:15	Luncheon Buffet Discussion on what you need or want MRRA to offer.	
1:15-3:00	Safety Certification: Personal Protective Equipment Part 2 Adela Cifelli from Maine Department of Labor SafetyWorks!	MRRA's Efficiency Study of Waldoboro Results of the efficiency study commissioned by MRRA will be outlined by Victor Horton & Mark Draper of MRRA and William Post, Town Manager of Waldoboro.

The program is tentative and subject to change.

2011 MRRRA Winter Workshop, Monday, January 24th, 2011 (Palmyra/Newport)

Organization: _____ Contact Person: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

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

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

Tours/Workshop Cost: Members: \$29 Non-members: \$39 (by January 14th)

Everyone after January 14th: \$50 (**MUST register by Wednesday, January 19th.**)

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

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

Dues (if joining today) \$ _____

_____ Member Registrations @ \$29 = \$ _____

_____ Non-member Registrations @ \$39 = \$ _____

_____ All Registrations @ \$50 (**after Jan. 14th**) = \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Payment: (please check one)

_____ Deduct from Revenue (ONLY for Marketing Members - 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 with your payment to MRRRA, POB 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838. **No registrations or cancellations will be accepted after Wednesday, January 19th.** If you need further assistance, MRRRA's phone number is 207-942-6772.

MRRA 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 (MRRA) 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 **\$42.50**...a retail value of \$120, kitchen pails for **\$8.00**, a wingdigger compost turner for **\$17.00** and a rain barrel for **\$56.50**. This item alone retails for over \$130.

Once you register with MRRA 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 (MRRA) at (207-942-6772) or email victor.horton@mrra.net for a Participation Packet.

2 REGISTER with the MRRA 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 29, 2011**, keeping track of who orders.

4 RETURN the Final Order Form and checks made payable to MRRA by **MAY 3, 2011**. 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 neighboring community if you need to meet the minimum quantities.**

5 ACCEPT delivery of compost bins/pails sometime during the week of **May 9, 2011**.

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 8, 2011** for delivery during the weeks of April 11-22, 2011, for those early birds.

Sign up your town or organization for the Spring 2011 campaign.
Contact MRRA at 207-942-6772 or email victor.horton@mrra.net

Congratulations to Fred Cantu & the Town of Harpswell on a job well done

Check out the video "Recycling.....It's Easy", created by the Town of Harpswell. The video was produced by the town with financial assistance from a Recycling Education and Outreach Grant provided by the State Planning Office. **It's Easy!** <http://vimeo.com/17778610>

Injury Rate Higher in Public Sector Waste Operations, Says BLS

http://wasteage.com/Waste_Safety/bls-incident-rates-20101118/

Local government solid waste operations have an injury and illness rate that is more than four times greater than that of private solid waste operations, according to numbers released recently by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). This is why MRRRA emphasizes safety at all our workshops & conferences and you should too!

Researchers: New tech could recycle all household plastics

<http://www.smartplanet.com/people/blog/pure-genius/new-tech-could-recycle-100-percent-of-household-plastics-even-holiday-wrap/5195/?tag=content;col1>

Just in time for the holidays, researchers in the United Kingdom have developed a new technology that they say could process 100 percent of household plastics — including gift wrap — instead of the 11 percent that is recycled there now. Christina Hernandez interviewed Kevin Marks, business development manager for Warwick Ventures at the University of Warwick who answered questions about the innovation.

Heads Up, Transfer Stations & Swap Shops

Edited from the October 2010 Waste Bytes! of the Maine State Planning Office Waste Management & Recycling Program

http://maine.gov/spo/recycle/docs/newsletter/October10WasteBytes_gm.pdf

We have been made aware of **bedbugs** being identified in items being left at transfer stations. For those not aware of it, bedbugs are becoming a problem in many places in the nation. We would advise you to be especially wary about items left at stations with swap shops and those that encourage leaving unwanted items for others.

The Center for Disease Control advises us: "Although bed bugs are a nuisance, they are not known to spread disease"; however bed bug bites can turn into large itchy skin welts, and in large numbers can become a major problem. We should be able to recognize bed bugs and make sure that we are not caught in the position of spreading the creatures.

There are several good sites with information about bed bugs on the Internet to educate ourselves and workers. These are often related to the Center for Disease Control in each state, as is true of Maine: <http://www.maine.gov/DHHS/boh/ddc/epi/bedbugs>

Engaging Schools on Recycling & Composting

Excerpted from the NERC Email Bulletin – December 2010

<http://www.nerc.org/documents/bulletin/201012.html>

Bruce White, of the State Planning Office's (SPO) Waste Management and Recycling Program, presented at the fall meeting of the state's school food service directors on possibilities for composting food discards and ideas for increasing recycling and waste reduction in Maine's schools. The presentation was developed by SPO's Suzanne Duplissis and Bruce White.

The gathering of about 100 school directors and staff was very receptive to the message and already has resulted in SPO staff receiving numerous questions and requests for assistance. The presentation was made possible by partnering with the Department of Education's Nutrition team and has already seen a positive response and support from many schools. It complements the efforts of other groups, such as the Department of Agriculture's Farm to School Program and the Maine Dairy Council. For more information, contact Bruce White at 624-6247 or Bruce.White@maine.gov.

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Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center

Mark your calendar now!

It's not too soon to start planning:

MAINE RECYCLES WEEK 2011

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

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