

The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

September 2010

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

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRA Board of Directors Meetings

(All members always most welcome to attend!)

Thursday, October 28, Noon, Bangor Public Works, Bangor

Thursday, December 9, Noon, SPO, Augusta

Maine Recycles Week: November 8-15

Do something special in your town!!!

MRRA Winter Workshop

Date (late January) and location (likely Newport) to be determined.

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Please print on post-consumer recycled paper

RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

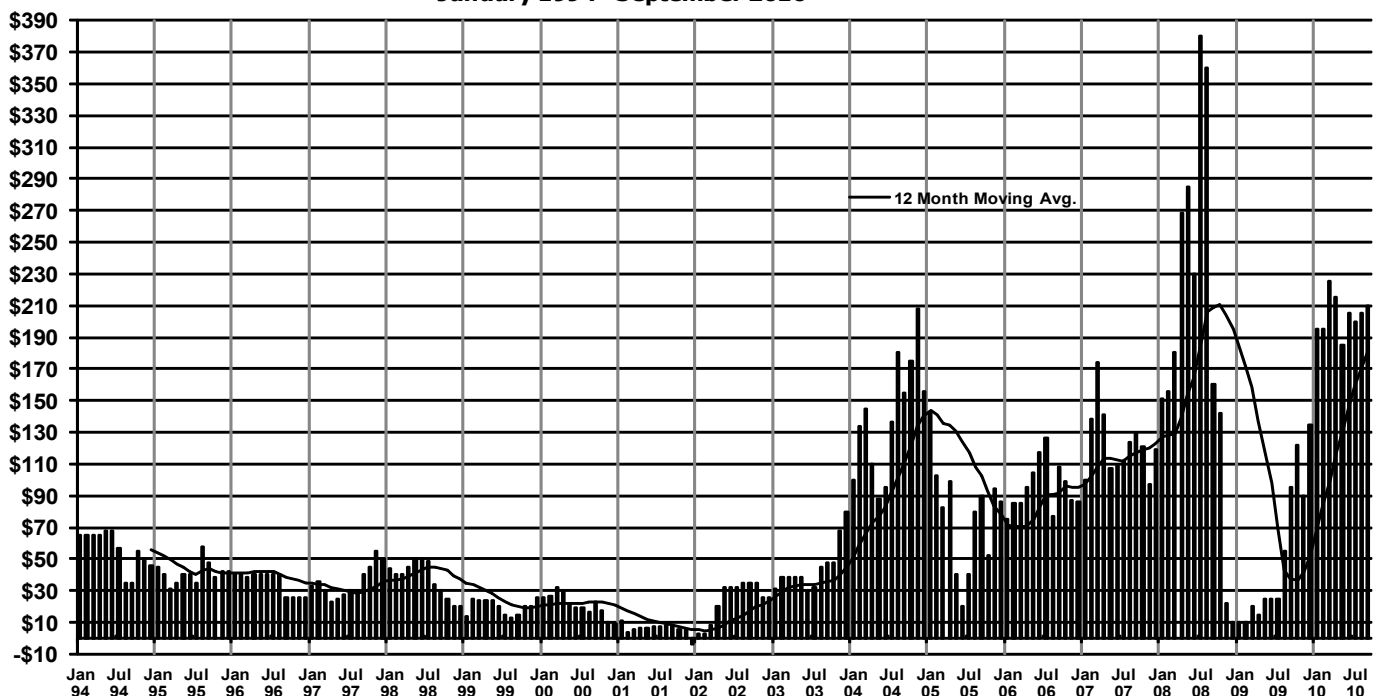
We leverage our members' tonnage, seeking new markets to get YOU the best prices. How do our prices compare to what you are being offered?

Much like the overall economic news, material prices go up one month, down the next. No one seems to know what the future might hold. Prices generally are better than last year at this time. Fall usually sees prices drop as the Christmas manufacturing demand comes to an end.

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

	Sept '10	June '10	Sept '09
OCC	\$116	\$116	\$76
#8 NEWS	\$86	\$86	\$76
Mixed Paper	\$46-78	\$46	\$56
SOW	\$209	\$206	\$141
HDPE Natural	\$484	\$616	\$461
HDPE Mixed	\$344	\$596	\$311
HDPE Colored	\$314	\$576	\$271
PET (full load)	\$414	\$296	\$296
Tin Cans	\$198-208	\$188-208	\$93
Scrap Metal	\$101-181	\$46-123	\$81
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$110
MRRA net average paid (prior month)	\$111	\$140	\$96
ecomaine single stream (delivered @ Portland)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Steel Cans - US \$ per ton
January 1994 - September 2010



Free Disposal of Banned, Unusable Pesticides

http://maine.gov/spo/recycle/docs/hhw/obsolete-pesticide-collection_poster-2010_bw.pdf

It's not uncommon for new owners of older homes or farms in Maine to discover they have inherited hazardous waste—caches of old pesticides around their property. Old chemicals like DDT, lead arsenate, 2,4,5-T, and chlordane are often discovered in barns, basements, sheds, or garages. When these discoveries are made, homeowners quickly learn that disposal of old chemicals can be complicated and very expensive. Fortunately, there's an option that's legal, responsible, and free. Contact the Maine Board of Pesticides Control for details. This fall, the state regulatory agency will dispose of banned pesticides or pesticides that have become caked, frozen, or otherwise rendered unusable. There is no cost to homeowners.

Preregistration is required by October 1, 2010. To register, get details, and learn important information about the temporary storage and transportation of obsolete pesticides, go to the BPC Web site at <http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org> or call the BPC at 287-2731.

City of Tacoma pays \$525,000 to settle appliance disposal violations

<http://wasteage.com/news/city-of-tacoma-pays-525-million-to-settle-appliance-disposal-violations-20100719/>

The city of Tacoma, Wash., has agreed to pay just under \$225,000 in penalties for the release of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) stemming from its refrigerated appliance disposal service, according to a consent decree lodged by the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of the U.S. EPA. According to an EPA press release, the city will also pay nearly \$300,000 for new pollution-reduction projects in Tacoma. Be forewarned!!!

The Scrappers

<http://www.spike.com/show/38515>

A new documentary series set on the streets and scrap yards of Brooklyn, NY. Tuesdays on SpikeTV follow larger than life characters that make up three competing scrap crews as they turn everyday metal into cold hard cash.

New Children's Book Inspires Conservation, Eco-responsibility

<http://www.world-wire.com/news/1007080001.html>

In her playful new book, *Rascal and Shady Recycle and Reuse*, author Elizabeth Starr has created wildlife characters that entertain children while delivering a message about building communities that respect the environment. Children 5 to 12 can identify with raccoon friends Rascal and Shady as they enjoy cleaning up the forest with a little help from their friends.

Closest Closet

<http://www.ClosestCloset.Com>

Mission: To foster community, conserve resources, and positively influence our culture.

Closest Closet is a free place to connect with people near you for borrowing and lending items, sharing or receiving help with tasks (skillsharing), recycling or receiving unwanted items, bartering and/or trading, supporting local economies, and making a commitment to live more responsibly within our communities. We do this for free. If you've ever wished that communities just "helped" one another, this is where you want to be. Living green isn't about buying the newest product with an eco-label. It's about getting back to basics, shaking hands with our neighbors, being part of a community, and making responsible choices! <http://www.closestcloset.com/faqs/> <http://www.closestcloset.com/category/blog/>

Use Closest Closet to find the closest neighborhood closet with what you need. You can have it, borrow it, or get it done, free. You share ten, then access everything shared. Connect with your neighbors to save money, conserve resources, and create a resilient and self-reliant community.

Profiles in Garbage

<http://wasteage.com/waste-facts/>

Profile in Garbage articles are waste fact sheets provided by Waste Age. Chaz Miller, state programs director for the National Solid Wastes Management Association, researches and writes the detailed overviews of each specific type of waste.

EPR 101: Product Stewardship for Governments

<http://www.productpolicy.org/content/epr-101>

An international movement to improve product design by changing how recycling and waste disposal are financed is gaining momentum in North America. And it is being largely led by local governments currently burdened with managing products designed for disposal.

Product Stewardship, also known as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), is a government strategy to place the responsibility for end of life product management on the producer and consumers of a product and not the general taxpayer or local government.

100 local communities now embrace producer responsibility

<http://www.smartplanet.com/business/blog/business-brains/100-local-communities-now-embrace-producer-responsibility/9004/>

The Product Policy Institute, which is an organization that advocates on behalf of local governments concerned about how various products are produced and (ultimately) discarded, reports that 100 local governments have now adopted a policy that supports the idea that states should push extended producer responsibility (EPR) policies within their jurisdiction.

EPR basically supports the philosophy that a product 'brand owner' should handle its cradle-to-cradle design and recycling process. There are 22 U.S. states that have some sort of EPR policy for electronic waste (or e-waste).

Plastic Loose Fill Council (PLFC)

<http://www.loosefillpackaging.com/>

The Plastic Loose Fill Council (PLFC) was founded in 1991 to develop, promote and implement the original use and subsequent recovery, reuse and recycling of polystyrene loose fill, commonly known as "packing peanuts." The Peanut Hotline, 800-828-2214 and loosefillpackaging.com, is the national reuse program for plastic packing peanuts. Consumers can drop off their leftover plastic packing peanuts at Peanut Hotline collection sites. There are over 1,500 collection sites in the US.

To find the collection site nearest you: <http://www.loosefillpackaging.com/search/default.asp>

If you have a use for these, become a drop-off location: <http://www.loosefillpackaging.com/pages/join.htm>

Save Money on Loose Fill Packaging!

Have Potential Customers Walk in Your Store!

Get Free Publicity as a Community Recycling Service!

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.

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

November 8-15 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://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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