



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

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For more up-to-date information check our web site at <http://mrra.net>

Upcoming Events

MRRA Board of Directors Meetings

(All members are welcome to attend!)

Thursday, March 26, Noon, SPO, Augusta

Thursday, May 28, 9:00 AM, Bangor Public Works

Thursday, June 25, Noon, SPO office in Augusta

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

MRRA Compost Bin Sale Don't miss out - be part of the program!!

For more details call Victor at 942-6772 or visit our web site <http://mrra.net>

16th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

May 4-5, 2009 at the Bar Harbor Club & Harborside Hotel in Bar Harbor.

Maine DEP Training Schedule

<http://www.maine.gov/dep/rwm/trainingcenter/index.htm>

Maine DOL - SafetyWorks! Training Schedule

<http://www.safetyworksmaine.com/pdf/classschedule.pdf>

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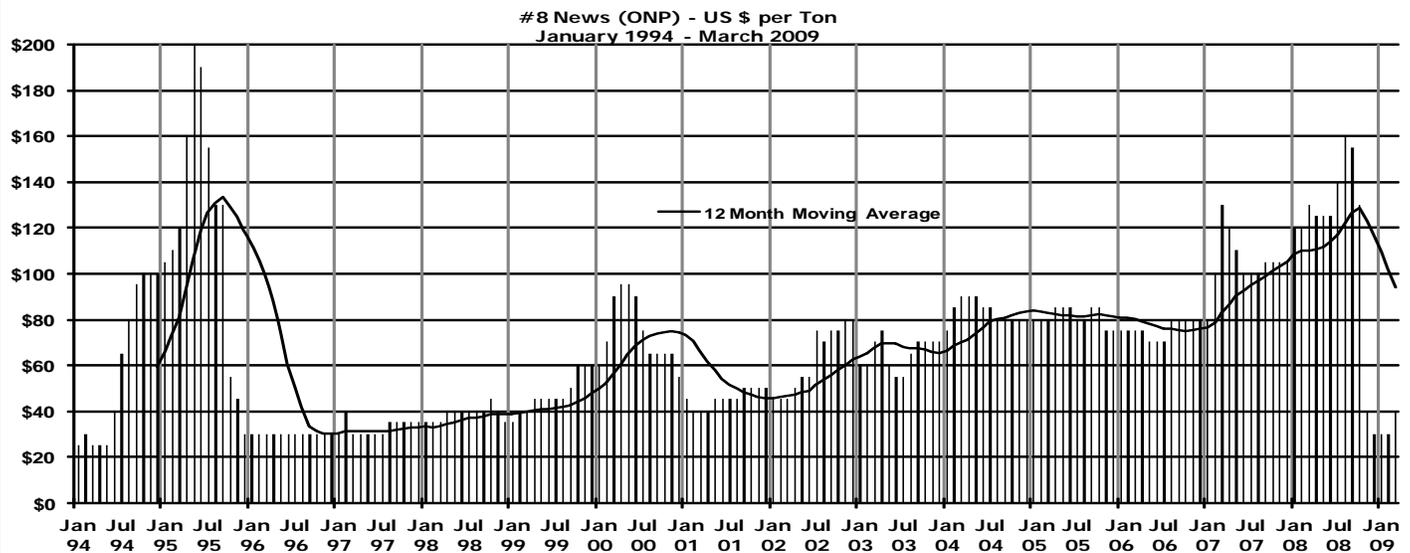
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

**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 recovered slightly since December's extreme lows. It is too early to tell if this is related to improving markets (unlikely) or is more normal seasonal fluctuation. They WILL improve. It's just a matter of when!

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

	March '09	Dec '08	March '08
OCC	\$31	\$16-21	\$136
#8 NEWS	\$41	\$26-31	\$126
Mixed Paper	\$0 - -\$12	-\$15	\$71-76
SOW	\$96	\$96	\$231
HDPE Natural	\$346	\$256	\$766
HDPE Mixed	\$296	\$216	\$586
HDPE Colored	\$246	\$91	\$546
PET (full load)	\$176	\$176	\$436
Tin Cans	\$16	\$11-26	\$150-157
Scrap Metal (p/u)	\$16 - 38	-\$15 - 25	\$121
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$104



The 16th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

Monday & Tuesday, May 4-5, 2009

Bar Harbor Club, Bar Harbor, Maine

Presented by the

Maine Resource Recovery Association

Why you and your staff should attend:

- **DEP Training & Certification**- do it right to avoid fines and the cost of after-the-fact cleanup
- **SafetyWorks! Training** - avoid lost work hours, lost wages, pain and suffering from injuries, lawsuits, and increased workers comp premiums
- **Increased efficiency and productivity** - let the experience of others help you and your staff get more done in less time

**If you miss this you save \$175.
Coming could save you THOUSANDS!!!**

*For a full conference brochure
visit our website link at:*

http://mrra.net/admin/assets/2009_Conference_Registration_Flyer.pdf

or call our office at 207-942-6772.

Conference Highlights

Special presentations by speakers recognized

nationally:

Jerry Powell, Resource Recycling Magazine
Brenda Platt, Institute for Local Self-Reliance

regionally:

James Bohlig, Casella Renewables Group

Maine based:

Mark Dobrovlny, Tom's of Maine

Training & informational sessions led by:

Dept. of Labor SafetyWorks!
Dept. of Environmental Protection
State Planning Office

& many other knowledgeable presenters

A diverse group of vendors in the exhibit hall

Recyclathon Safety Rodeo Competition with prizes

North Shore Comedy Night

Door Prizes

Maine Legislation Under Consideration

Here are the current items relating to recycling/solid waste that are being considered by the Maine Legislature that we are aware of at this time. More bills are being proposed on a regular basis.

LD351 requires commercial agricultural composting operations to register with the Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources and directs the Commissioner of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources to adopt rules concerning best management practices for commercial agricultural composting operations. It authorizes the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to enter the premises of a commercial agricultural composting operation to inspect for compliance with best management practices.

It removes commercial agricultural composting operations from regulation by the Department of Environmental Protection as waste facilities but does not exempt commercial agricultural composting operations from state or federal environmental laws.

LD367 requires retailers to charge 10¢ for each plastic bag used by customers. The funds must be remitted to the Department of Environmental Protection and deposited into the Waste Reduction and Recycling Loan Fund under the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 10, section 1023-G.

LD506 provides that a person may not deliver waste of any kind in a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 80,000 pounds to a solid waste disposal facility, solid waste facility, solid waste landfill or waste facility if that facility or landfill is owned by the State and has been expanded on or after October 1, 2009. It also provides that the operator of a solid waste disposal facility, solid waste facility, solid waste landfill or waste facility that has been expanded on or after the effective date of this Act and is owned by the State may not accept for delivery at that facility or landfill waste of any kind that has been hauled in a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 80,000 pounds. The bill requires the Executive Department, State Planning Office and the Department of Environmental Protection to determine the solid waste disposal capacity needs of the State as of January 1, 2009 for 3, 5 and 10 years and report their findings to the Joint Standing Committee on Natural Resources no later than November 5, 2009. Based on the capacity needs as of January 1, 2009, the State Planning Office and the Department of Environmental Protection shall determine the capacity of state-owned landfills. The State Planning Office and the Department of Environmental Protection shall determine their ability to control the different and various waste streams flowing into state-owned landfills, broken down by waste stream and by the sources of these waste streams, whether in-state or out-of-state. The Department of Environmental Protection shall determine how best to control the flow of waste coming into the State in order to ensure the longevity of state-owned landfills and save taxpayers money. The Department of Environmental Protection shall adopt major substantive rules to extend the life of state-owned landfills.

LD536 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.

LD733 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 current recycling rates; the carbon footprints created by the beverage recycling laws and municipal recycling programs; comprehensive recycling programs in the State; barriers to comprehensive recycling; alternative models of sustainability; energy and economic efficiencies; the effect of educational programs on recycling rates; and litter prevention and waste reduction efforts.

LD759 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.

For up-to-date information on any bill, including public hearing scheduling, you can visit the following state website:
<http://janus.state.me.us/legis/LawMakerWeb/search.asp>

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

For Sale By Bids

1996 Pro Trainer Recycling Trailer

16' long 8 compartments Side dump

2 Axle Dump Trailer

14' long 90" wide

Both trailers sold as is.

Both trailers can be seen at Oakland Transfer Station, Town Farm Rd., Oakland. Call 465-4732.
Sealed bids due April 17. Send to: Town Manager, P.O. Box 187 Oakland, ME 04963

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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 (287-8053 or 800-662-4545 or <mailto://Bruce.White@maine.gov>).

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