



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

June 2010

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

MRRRA Board of Directors Meetings

Wednesday, July 21, 10:00 AM, via conference call

Thursday, August 26, 10:00 AM, via conference call

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

MRRRA Annual Meeting / Tour / Workshop

Monday, September 20th (tentative)

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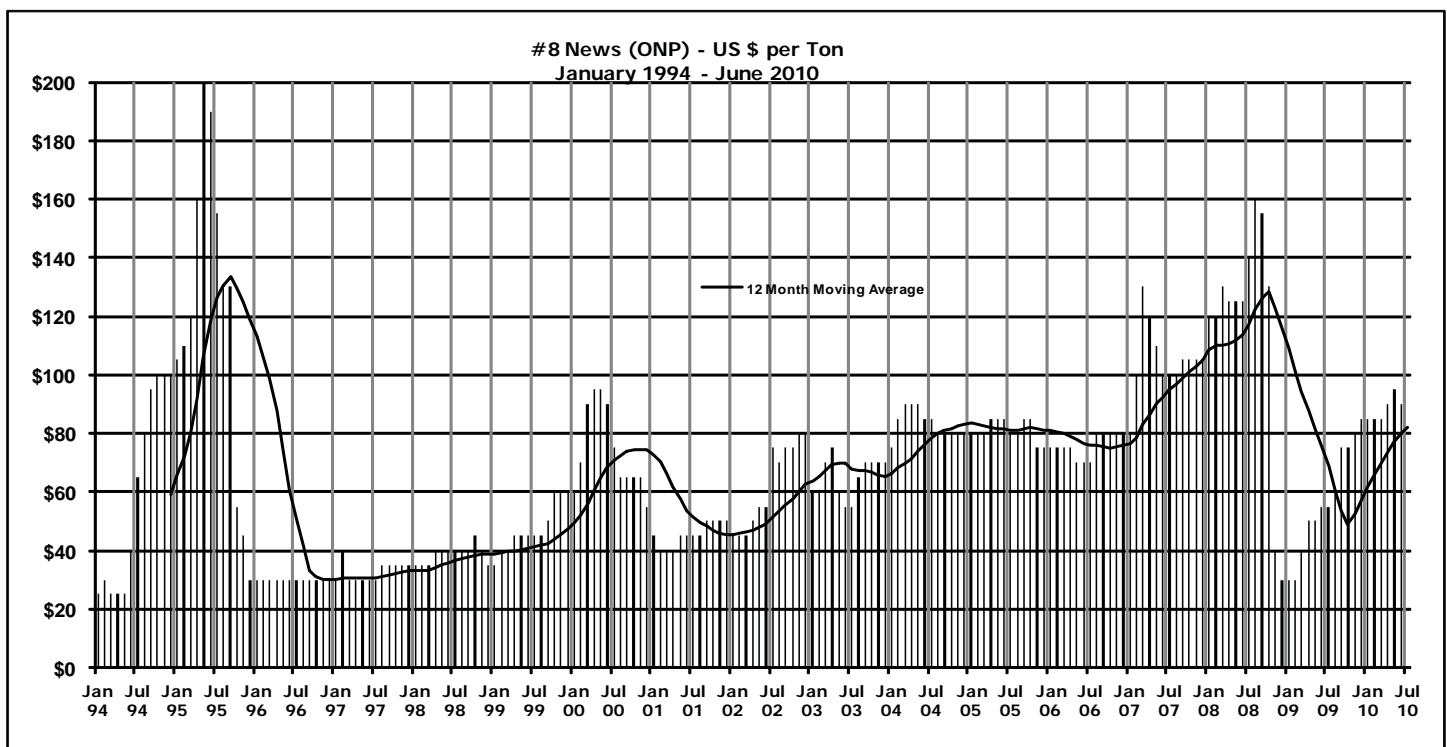
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

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?

With the exception of plastics, which have been bucking the trend, material prices have been declining for several months now and the word going around is that further price drops are ahead. Without firm signs of economic recovery manufacturers have been hesitant to increase production. These prices are still significantly ABOVE historical averages so declines would not be all that surprising.

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

	June '10	Mar '10	July '09
OCC	\$116	\$166	\$61
#8 NEWS	\$86	\$86	\$56
Mixed Paper	\$46	\$76-86	\$26-37
SOW	\$206	\$221	\$121
HDPE-Natural	\$616	\$521	\$426
HDPE-Mixed	\$596	\$466	\$286
HDPE-Colored	\$576	\$426	\$216
PET (full load)	\$296	\$266	\$296
Tin Cans (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$188-208	\$205-225	\$41
Scrap Metal (p/u varies w/ freight)	\$46-\$123	\$76-121	\$11-56
Tires (negative)	-\$110	-\$110	-\$110
MRRA net avg. paid prior month	\$140	\$140	na
ecomaine single stream (delivered)	\$0	\$7.50	-\$25 (negative)



MRRA Communication Methods to Change for Savings & Speed

In these challenging economic times the Maine Resource Recovery Association, like most everyone else, is facing tough budget decisions. To eliminate printing and mailing expenses as well as to get information to you in a more timely manner, the Board of Directors has decided to eliminate the paper, mailed edition of this newsletter and certain other communications which can be better supplied electronically.

It is NOT our intent to reduce communication or information dissemination! It is our policy to keep every town leader, every recycling and solid waste employee and anyone else with an interest in solid waste & recycling issues in the state of Maine fully informed and updated.

To accomplish that part of the MRRA mission we are asking EVERYONE to please take advantage of one of the two options below.

- 1) Receive correspondence via email: Send MRRA your contact information including name, organization, telephone number & email address to john.albertini@mrta.net
- 2) Receive correspondence via fax: Send MRRA your contact information including name, organization, telephone number & fax number via fax to 207-942-4017 or mail at MRRA PO Box 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838

If you are unable to utilize one of the above methods, please contact Victor Horton, our Executive Director, at 207-942-6772 or via mail at MRRA PO Box 1838, Bangor, ME 04402-1838 so alternative methods can be determined.

We hope that this improvement in information-sharing will enhance the value you place on our, YOUR, organization. Thank you.

Solid Waste Law Enacted in 2010 Session

The 2010 session of the Maine legislature was generally uneventful in regards to solid waste issues and resulted in only one law affecting solid waste being passed:

HP 1159, LD 1631 Summary

LD 1631 authorized the Department of Environmental Protection to submit on an annual basis a report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters on products and product categories that when generated as waste may be appropriately managed under a product stewardship program. The bill authorized the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over natural resources matters to submit annually a bill to establish new product stewardship programs or revise existing product stewardship programs after the committee's review of the department report.

The Product Stewardship State Legislative Forum

Learn How Business and States are Turning Today's Trash into Tomorrow's Products
Sponsored by the Council of State Governments, Maine State Chamber of Commerce, and the
Natural Resources Council of Maine.

http://www.nrcm.org/product_stewardship_forum.asp

Please join legislators, government, business representatives, solid waste officials, and environmental advocates for "The Product Stewardship State Legislative Forum." This free forum, taking place in conjunction with the Council of State Governments Eastern Regional Conference, is an exciting opportunity to learn about how product stewardship – an innovative policy approach to reinvent the way we make, use and dispose of consumer products – is sweeping the nation and what it means for you, your state, business, local solid waste district, and our environment.

17th Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference Presentations

There were many excellent presentations given at this year's conference. In case you missed them or would like to refer back to them again here are links to download the PDF files of a few of them. (They are also available to download from the Publications section of our web site, mrra.net.):

Annual Reporting by Carole Cifrino of the Maine DEP
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Carole_Cifrino_Annual_Reporting.pdf

Call2Recycle by Todd Ellis of Call2Recycle
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Call2Recycle_Product_Stewardship_by_Todd_Ellis.pdf

Disaster Debris Management by Athena Lee Bradley of NERC
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Disaster_Debris_Management_by_Athena_Lee_Bradley_Northeast_Recycling_Council.pdf

Expanding Plastic Recycling by Liz Bedard of APR
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Expanding_Plastic_Recycling_by_Liz_Bedard_Association_of_Postconsumer_Plastics_Recyclers.pdf

Product Stewardship by Carole Cifrino of the Maine DEP
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Carole_Cifrino_Product_Stewardship.pdf

Product Stewardship - A National Perspective by Sierra Fletcher of PSI
http://mrra.net/admin/assets/Product_Stewardship_National_Perspective_by_Sierra_Fletcher_-_Product_Stewardship_Institute.pdf

Bluwashing: Why the Bottled Water Industry's EcoFriendly Claims Don't Hold Water
Food & water Watch has published an informative report on the environmental impacts of bottled water. You can download a copy of the report here: <http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/bluwashing.pdf>

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 x23. **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.

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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