



The Scrap Paper

Newsletter of the Maine Resource Recovery Association

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For up-to-date information see our website at www.mrra.net

Calendar of Upcoming Events

MARRA Board of Directors Meetings

(All members welcome)

Thursday, May 22nd, Noon, UMA, Augusta

Thursday, June 26th, Noon, Bangor Public Works?, Bangor

Thursday, July 24th, 10:00 AM via conference call

Expanding the World of Recycling

Maine's 21st Annual Recycling & Solid Waste Conference

April 28th & 29th, 2014

Samostet Resort, Rockport, Maine

Maine DEP Training Schedule

www.maine.gov/dep/training/index.html

Maine DOL - SafetyWorks! Training Schedule

www.maine.gov/tools/whatsnew/index.php?topic=Safetyworks_Classes&v=ListAll

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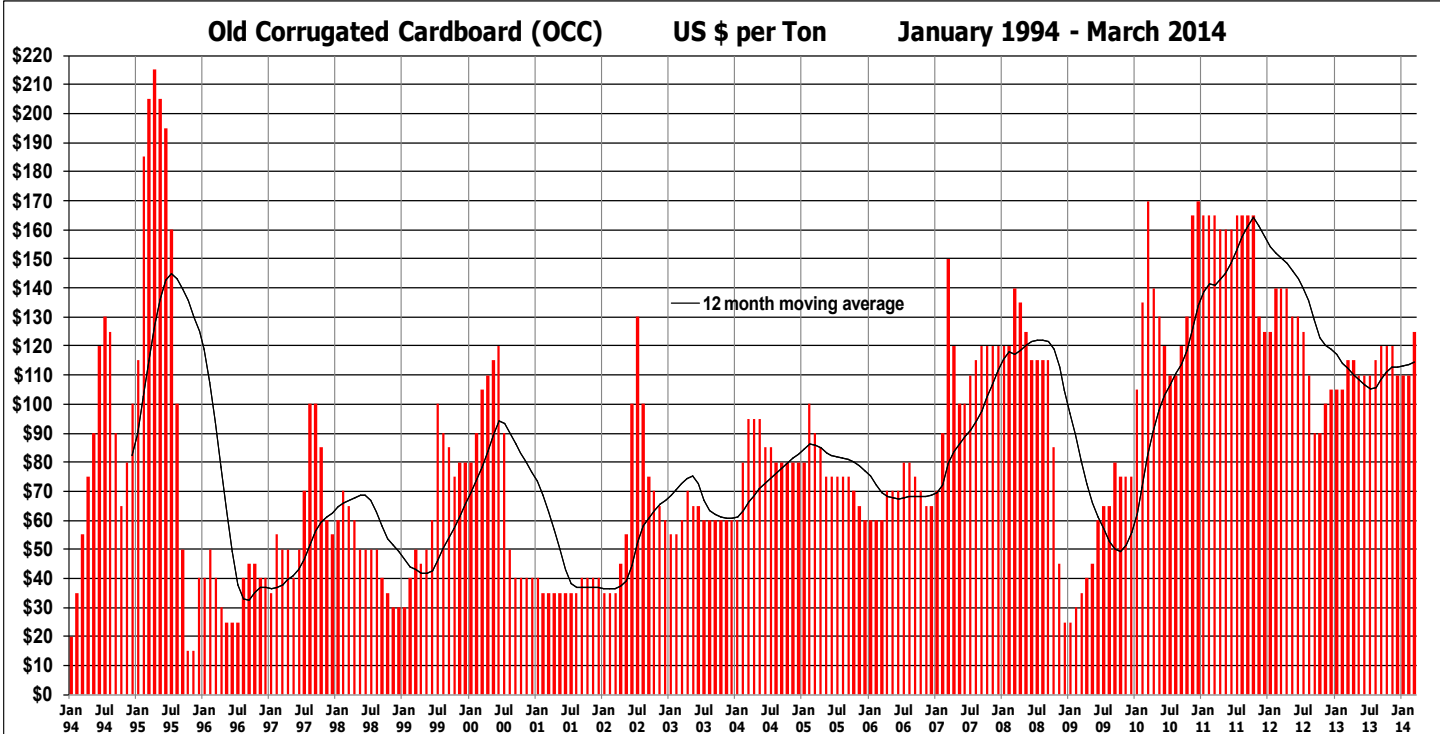
RECYCLING MARKETS REPORT

We leverage your tonnage to get YOU the best prices. How do our prices compare?

The hard winter weather in much of the country has caused generation to decrease and mill supplies to be frozen in so paper prices have risen somewhat recently. Expect that to reverse when the snow melts and consumers return to the stores. Plastic prices have risen as well probably due to increasing oil and natural gas prices.

**All prices are net to you and subject to changing market conditions.
April pricing will not be available until Friday, April 5th at the earliest.**

	March '14	Dec '13	March '13
OCC	\$120-125	\$105-110	\$110
NEWS #8	\$65	\$65	\$75
Mixed Paper	\$22-31	\$14-35	\$32-47
SOW	\$160-170	\$145	\$160
HDPE #2 Natural	\$724	\$594	\$654
HDPE #2 Z (Mixed)	\$552	\$434	\$574
HDPE #2 Colored	\$524	\$434	\$554
Plastics #1,3-7 (no #2)	\$64	\$24	\$20
PET #1 (full load of UBC quality)	\$436	\$414	\$364
Tin Cans (p/u - varies w/ freight)	\$175	\$195	\$195
Scrap Metal (p/u - varies w/ freight)	\$75-130	\$85-145	\$95-170
Tires (negative)	-\$65	-\$65	-\$65
MRRA net avg. picked up (prior month)	\$134	\$115	\$101
Single stream delivered to Portland (negative)	-\$10	\$5	\$5



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April 28-29, 2014

Samoset Resort, Rockport, Maine

Learn How to Save Tax Dollars at Maine's Recycling and Solid Waste Conference

Solid waste is a major budget item for every community. April brings an opportunity to learn about changes in the solid waste industry that can help your community and its residents reduce their costs and conserve material resources.

Maine's 21st Annual Recycling and Solid Waste Conference will be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 28-29 at the Samoset Resort in Rockport. This is THE event which brings together experts from across the spectrum of the solid waste and materials management industry. Numerous workshops offer the information you need to improve your solid waste management program, reduce the cost to your community and protect the environment. Topics range from workplace safety to green product design, paint recycling to composting food scraps, textiles re-use to achieving zero waste, managing disaster debris to recovering plastics. The Exhibit Hall includes equipment and service providers with solutions to meet your needs and is a great place to network with others who may have dealt with the same issues you are facing.

Key topics this year include: actions taken by Maine municipalities to significantly reduce their solid waste management costs; emerging solid waste conversion technologies that recover value from waste; diverting food scraps from disposal to composting and other uses; and policy approaches and practical strategies to decrease waste, increase recycling, and reduce disposal costs.

The conference is organized by the Maine Resource Recovery Association. MRRA's mission is to foster professional solid waste management practices by facilitating communication between anyone & everyone interested in environmentally sound solid waste management and resource recovery, to benefit Maine communities.

The agenda and registration information along with the option to register on-line are available at www.mrra.net/wp-content/uploads/2014-Conference-Registration-Flyer.pdf

Please register **today** for this premier opportunity to network and learn about new and developing technologies to help your community decrease waste, increase recycling and save money.

If you have any questions please contact John Albertini, MRRA Program Coordinator at 207-942-6772 or john.albertini@mrra.net or any member of the MRRA Board of Directors www.mrra.net/board-of-directors/



Organics Experts at Regional Workshop

NERC's Spring 2014 Workshop will Focus on Urban & Rural Organics Management Programs

You've heard it said that diverting organics can increase a community's waste diversion rate. And you may wonder how that's feasible in a heavily populated area where neighbors are sensitive to smells, or in rural areas where transportation and the expense of collection are concerns.

NERC's Organics Management Workshop, to be held on April 15 – 16, in Freeport, Maine, will address the technical and practical aspects associated with developing and maintaining organics management programs in both urban and rural areas. Expert trainers and pertinent sessions will teach and aid attendees to understanding the composting process, potential problems, and available technologies. In addition, hands-on exercises will give attendees the opportunity to solve common problems and to design facilities that avoid potential problems.

Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine

[Agenda Here!](#)

[Register Now](#)

Reducing Waste: What you buy speaks to your conservation priorities

By Lois Courchaine, Contra Costa Times

As a society, we are becoming more and more aware of our dwindling natural resources and the increasingly important role resource recovery and recycling play. But how much does each of us really do every day to make sure we are part of the solution and not the problem?

An easy place to start is just being aware of what you're doing or not doing with the things you buy, use and then discard. Here are some things for you to consider: (see the full article at the link above).

Highlights from the EPA's Annual MSW Report

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently released its annual report on municipal solid waste generation. Take a look at some of the key charts and tables from the report at the above link.

UPSTREAM Supports Rhode Island's Plastic Waste Reduction Act

by Matt Prindiville, Associate Director

In recent comments to the Rhode Island House Environment and Natural Resources Committee, UPSTREAM recommended that regulatory options such as H7178 be strongly considered. The proposed Plastic Waste Reduction Act bans single-use plastic bags in favor of alternatives.

Unfortunately voluntary initiatives are not impactful enough and should be summarily dismissed in favor of regulatory options like bans and fees as proposed in this Act. Read Matt's full comments at the above link.

Time is Running Out But Not Too Late The Annual Compost Bin Sale

As much as **25%** of your household garbage can be from **Kitchen Scraps and Yard Waste**. We can help with that.

The MRRA, is pleased to offer **The Earth Machine™** backyard compost bins and other composting accessories at a reduced price to your residents.

Municipalities and other Civic Groups can sign up and receive a packet to help get their residents composting or download the forms from our website starting February 1.

Offered this year will be the Earth Machine backyard composting unit for **\$48...a retail value of \$120**, a wingdigger compost turner for **\$17**, a rain barrel for **\$65, retailing for over \$130** and a handy thermometer priced at **\$20** so they can monitor compost temperature. New this year is the Sure-Close kitchen pail available for **\$7**.



Residents also receive a FREE “how to” guide with each compost bin purchased.

For more information or a participation packet, please contact Victor Horton at (207-942-6772) or via email at victor.horton@mrra.net. Forms will also be available for download online at www.mrra.net by early February.

The sale runs from Feb. 1, 2014 to May 3, 2014 with orders and payment due at the MRRA office by May 5, 2014.

Deliveries will be made by **May 23, 2014**.

Sign up today to get started!

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 \$8.50

Wheeled carts in several popular sizes

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

MRRA MARKETING COOPERATIVE

MARKETING MAINE'S RECYCLABLES COOPERATIVELY

Begun in 1992, the Marketing Cooperative serves over 250 Maine cities, towns and businesses through 80+ regional and stand-alone recycling processing centers. Developed through a partnership between the former Maine Waste Management Agency and the Maine Resource Recovery Association, the Cooperative provides a forum for recycling personnel to network with peers, industry officials, and end-user markets.

The Cooperative also provides education on market trends, product specifications, workplace safety, and annual forklift certification through the Maine Bureau of Labor. Meetings provide a forum to identify common needs, solutions and goals.

The Marketing Cooperative is more than a recyclable materials broker. It:

- Will respond to your RFPs to give you more options
- Provides consistent product specifications
- Provides technical assistance, market research & development
- Maintains multiple markets for each material
- Maintains relationships with brokers and end-users
- Places orders with markets
- Coordinates the transportation (including coordinating partial loads from multiple members to make full loads)
- Allows members to maintain control of the sale
- Has accountability to members
- Is an advocate for its members in the marketplace
- Maintains a control & documentation system to provide accurate payment
- Provides administrative support, collections, & dispute resolution
- Offers workshops to improve marketability of materials, workplace safety, and information regarding regulations
- Created and presents the Annual Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Conference in cooperation with our sponsors & exhibitors

Let MRRA market a trial load for your town or business today! Call Victor Horton at 207-942-6772.