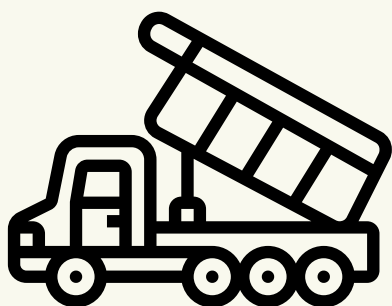


**Maine  Resource
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31st Annual

**Maine Recycling and Solid
Waste Conference and
Trade Show**

**April 13-14 2026 at the
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2026 Attendee Information Packet

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For over three decades, **Maine Resource Recovery Association** has brought you Maine's only integrated conference for the Recycling & Solid Waste Management Industry. This year's 31st annual conference will be held in Rockport, Maine at The Samoset Resort on **April 13-14, 2026**, with vendor set-up and a **Vendor Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, April 12th**. If you'd like to join us for dinner on Sunday, please mark it in your **online registration form**.

We invite you to network with 200+ private and public-sector leaders and decision makers from:

- Recycling Centers, Transfer Stations, Organics Processors, Landfills and Incinerators
- State, City and Town governments
- Business and Industry



In Cooperation With:

SWANA, AVCOG, ecomaine, Maine DEP, NRCM, SafetyWorks!, TRC Companies, UMaine, Ferg Lea



Keynote Speaker

Susanne Miller - Maine DEP



Susanne Miller is the Director of the Bureau of Remediation and Waste Management at the Maine Department of Environmental Protection and has been in this position since June 2021. Before this, Susanne was the Director of the Department's Eastern Maine Regional Office for 8 years. Susanne has worked for over 27 years in the environmental field including the Federal, State, non-profit, and private sectors. As Director for the Bureau, Susanne oversees 5 Divisions with oversight over several programs including: Materials Management, Remediation and Site Cleanups, Oil Spills and Hazardous Materials Response, and Emerging Contaminants including PFAS.

Maine Recycling & Solid Waste Awards Banquet

Monday, April 13 6pm

Nominations for 2026 awards are being accepted now! [Click here to Submit Nomination](#) Please complete your submission by March 20, 2026

- **Environmental Leadership Award**
- **Innovation in Waste Management Award**
- **Community Engagement Award**
- **Waste Reduction Champion Award**
- **Safety Excellence Award**
- **Partnership of the year Award**
- **Employee/Volunteer of the Year Award**
- **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Maine Recycling and Solid Waste Conference

Agenda at a glance

Monday, April 13 ***Times and Topics are subject to changes***

7:30a – 9:00a: Registration and Breakfast Buffet

8:30a: Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:30a—4:30p SWANA MOLO Training:

This training will take place over the course of Monday and Tuesday. SWANA members participating in this session must pre-register with SWANA to participate in this course.

8:45a: Plenary Keynote - Susanne Miller - Maine DEP:

Maine's Waste Handling Capacity: A look at Maine's Waste Characterization Study, Maine's Waste Generation, and Disposal Capacity.

9:45a - 10:15a: Exhibit Hall

10:15a - 11:15a Concurrent Sessions

PFAS: Join Amanda Wade, Nicole Dyer, and Ben Snow from TRC Companies. In this presentation they will discuss the fate and transport of PFAS within and around landfills and how today's landfills are designed to manage the risk.

DEP Core 2 Training: Join Randee Vetter from the Maine DEP for this training focused on reporting with insights into their online system currently in development.

11:15a - 12:00p Concurrent Sessions

Biosolids: Amanda Wade's presentation includes the results of a waste bulking study conducted to provide guidance to facilities on the management of these wastes that include 80% liquids. Attendees will learn about the challenges and potential solutions for biosolids management within landfills and the relationships that must be maintained between WWTPs and landfills.

Single-Stream Recycling 101: The Do's, Don'ts, Why's and How's of Single Sort Recycling with ecomaine, and a Glimpse of What's Ahead : In this session, we will provide a deeper dive geared toward transfer station site attendants and other municipal stakeholders on the path that recyclables take. We will discuss what the rules are, why they exist in the first place, and current challenges with contamination. We will also share a glimpse of what's on the horizon for next year with a sneak peek of our new facility coming online in 2026.

12:00p - 1:00p: Luncheon Buffet, Sponsor Recognition & Exhibit Hall

1:00p - 2:15p Concurrent Sessions

Update on Maine's Packaging Product Stewardship Program : What You Need To Know : Adrian Vannahme, from RecycleME, will provide an overview of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law in Maine and its implications for municipalities and Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs). It outlines the responsibilities of stewardship organizations, defines participating municipalities, and explains statutory requirements affecting local recycling operations.

Students in Action: Join us in welcoming Students from UMaine and USM to share information about projects they have been working on.

2:15p - 2:45p: Exhibit Hall

2:45p - 4:00p Concurrent Sessions

Multi-Family Recycling Initiative: This presentation will provide an overview of ecomaine's Multi-Family Recycling Initiative, a developing program focused on improving recycling access, participation, and outcomes in multi-family housing across Maine. The presentation will also share updates and findings from several properties the team has worked with to date. These real-world examples will highlight observations from site visits and waste audits, common challenges, early lessons learned, and preliminary outcomes related to contamination, infrastructure, and education and engagement strategies. This session is relevant for municipal staff and waste and recycling professionals seeking practical, adaptable approaches to improve recycling performance in multi-family communities.

DEP Sponsor Session: Come and hear from the DEP about what they have going on and what they are working towards.

4:30p - 6:00p : Reception and Belt Sander Races

6:00p - 7:00p : Awards Banquet

7:00p - 10:00p : Entertainment– Trivia Night

Tuesday, April 14 ***Times and Topics are subject to changes***

7:30a - 9:00a: Registration and Breakfast Buffet

8:30a - 9:30a: Plenary Keynote Round Table: Discussion on Ideas toward solutions for Maine's capacity to handle waste.

Participants will break into 4 groups to discuss and offer thoughts on provided topics pertaining to ideas/solutions to handle Maine's waste capacity.

8:30a—4:30p SWANA MOLO Training:

This training will take place over the course of Monday and Tuesday. SWANA members participating in this session must pre-register with SWANA to participate in this course.

9:30a - 10:30a Concurrent Sessions

Engaging in Policy: In this session, Members of MRRA's Government Affairs committee will share information with you on how to get involved in voicing your concerns to legislators, or sharing them with MRRA to speak on your behalf.

Certification Round Table: MRRA is looking to provide training certification to help transfer station operators get a better handle on managing day to day duties. We are looking for input on Content and Logistics of trainings. Join us in creating a program that will benefit your local recycling center/Transfer Station.

10:30a - 11:00a: Exhibit Hall

11:00a - 12:00p Concurrent Sessions

Recycle Right North Country: Turning Rural Challenges into Recycling Wins : How do you get rural residents excited and confident about recycling — especially when staffing, funding, and infrastructure are limited? NH Recycles' EPA-funded Recycle Right North Country project took on that challenge across some of New Hampshire's most rural communities. This session — led by NH Recycles' education, operations, and technical assistance team — will share practical strategies used to reduce contamination, improve participation, and rebuild trust in recycling through clear resident education paired with real-world operator support.

Successful Transfer Station Set up : This panel discussion will be focused on transfer station set up. We will hear from TRC Companies and from local municipalities to share their success.

12:00p - 1:00p: Luncheon Buffet

1:00p - 2:15p Concurrent Sessions

Innovations Panel: In this session, We will hear from different organizations on ways they are coming up with to further progress in recycling and waste management. Potential Panelists include Mike Carroll-Waste Hub; Trevor Mance-Casella; Lindsay D'anna-Waste Management; Mark Lyons-Aries.

Maine Master Community Compost Training - Course #4 - Building and Managing your compost pile: Mark King will provide you the fourth series in this training program. Recordings of previous trainings are available on our Website.

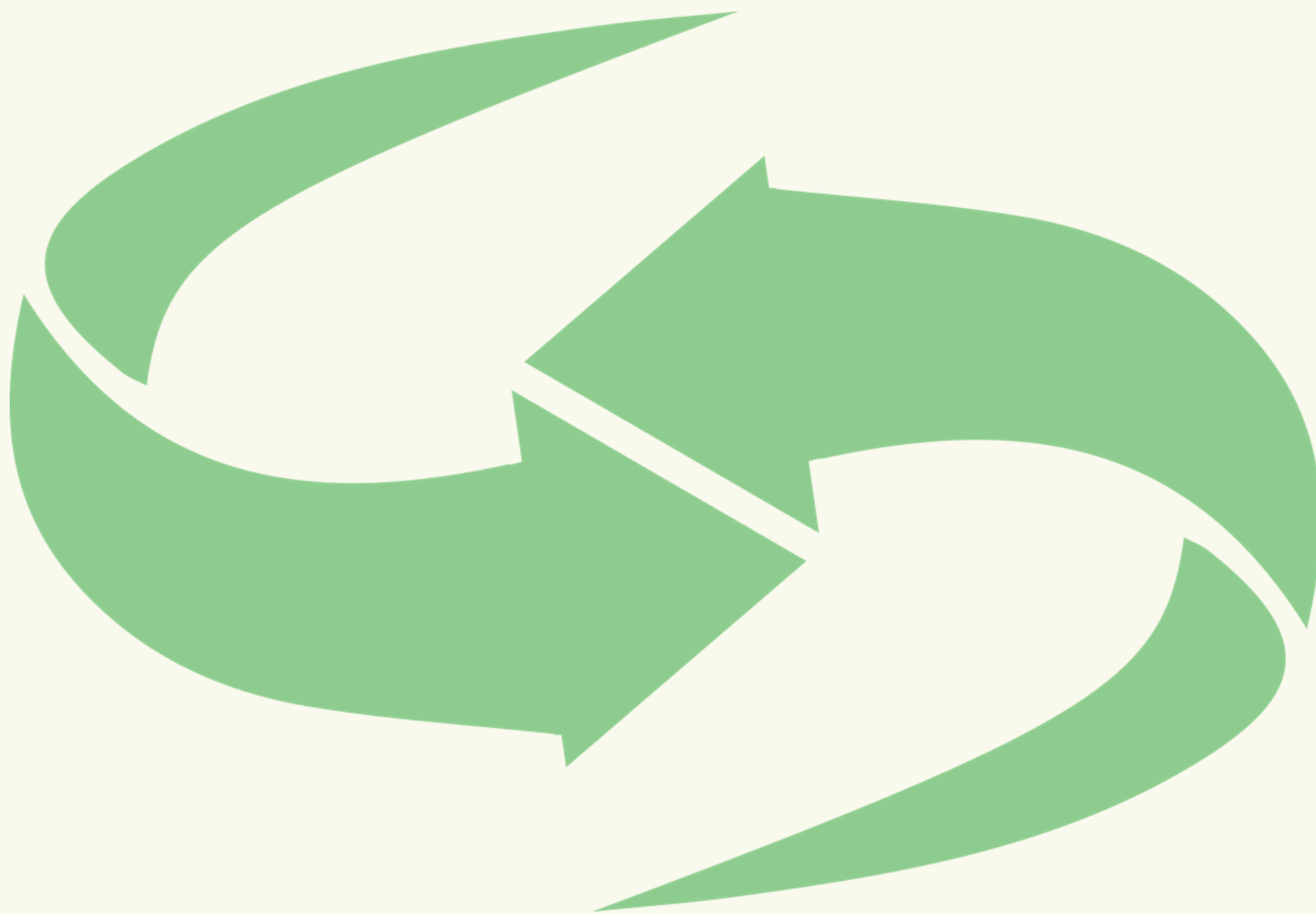
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Reuse Panel: In this session, We will hear about waste reduction through Reuse. Potential Panelists include Daniel Saloman-Second Story Builders; Roberta Hill-Center for an Ecology Based Economy; Andwell; Swap Shops

Waste Diversion Grants & the Food Recovery Council(FRC): Mark King will go over the information for Maine DEP's Waste Diversion Grants. Then you will Hear from MRRRA about the Food Recovery Council.

END OF CONFERENCE



Entertainment Night:

Monday April 13th from 7pm-9pm

Get your teams together, we are bringing back Trivia Night!! If you would like to participate, we will have room for 9 teams of 6. Sign up your team at the registration desk. May the team with the best random knowledge win!

There will be prizes!!!!

4th Annual Belt Sander Races!!

Monday April 13th from 4:30pm-6:00pm

We are pleased to again feature the Belt Sander Races! These have continued to be a fun competition for those interested in participating. You can decorate your sander or leave as is, but no modifying the engines!!! If you'd like to participate please mark it on your registration form. They are also fun to spectate!

Prizes will be awarded!!!!

Hotel Accommodations

The AAA Four-Diamond Samoset Resort welcomes guests to 230 acres of oceanfront elegance reminiscent of a bygone era. One of the premier luxury resorts in Maine, renowned for its award-winning service and expansive views of Penobscot Bay, the Samoset boasts an eco-friendly culture. The Resort has adopted a variety of sustainable practices aimed to reduce water, waste, and energy consumption while increasing resort-wide recycling opportunities.

Overnight room reservations are to be made individually by attendees. Booking Deadline is March 23, 2026



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