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# Full Circle

A Newsletter for Our Non-Profit Recycling Cooperative Members

- SAVE THE DATE! -

## NRRA Annual Conference and School Track!

NRRA's 29th Annual Recycling Conference and Expo will be the one conference to go to for all things recycling. On June 7th and 8th, 2010, we will discuss plastics, e-waste, steel, composting, fibers, MSW, single stream, dual stream, source separation, and much, much more.

The conference will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester / the Center of New Hampshire.

In addition, we're pleased to announce the first-ever "Conference within a Conference." The School

Recycling Conference is sponsored by NH the Beautiful and NRRA and will run all day on Monday, June 7th. This is a great opportunity to reach out to students, teachers and administrators at all levels, and will include workshops specifically for school recycling programs throughout NH and the Northeast! The annual School Recycling Club Awards will be presented at the mid-day ceremony.

Last year's Conference was a huge success. Jerry Powell of Resource Recycling Magazine remarked that  
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- 2010 BACKYARD COMPOST BIN, RAIN BARREL & PAIL SALE -

## Don't Miss Out: Great Deals on Green Goods!

As much as 25 percent of an average household's waste is kitchen scraps and trimmings, costing communities thousands of dollars for disposal. Reduce this waste by participating in the NRRA's Annual Backyard Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale!



Using the "power-of-numbers" for cooperative purchasing, municipalities, community groups and service organizations can sell the Earth Machine Backyard Compost Bin for \$42 rather than \$100 actual retail value, the System Rain Barrel for \$60 rather than \$120, and the Kitchen Waste Pails for \$8. The Sale is conducted very much like a Girl Scout cookie sale in that municipalities or organizations sell the bins, and accept

orders by April 1st.

The bins are then delivered the week of April 19th for distribution. NRRA provides customized master order forms, posters, and samples to help with sales. Groups don't have to handle any money, checks for the bins, barrels and pails are made out to NRRA. However, the sale can also be used as a fundraiser, by selling the bins for \$47 each and earning \$5 for each bin sold and so forth! Don't miss out on this great opportunity to reduce your waste, increase backyard composting and provide your residents with a backyard compost bin at a great price! To sign up for the Sale, contact Jan Carter at (800) 223-0150 or go to www.nrra.net to download all the necessary forms.

Save the  
Date!

29th Annual NRRA  
Conference & Expo  
June 7th, & 8th, 2010



## - NRRA NOTES -

### Activity/Environmental Reports Now Available!

A photograph of a '2009 Activity Report' form. The form is a table with multiple columns and rows, containing various data points and checkboxes. The title '2009 Activity Report' is visible at the top.

Don't forget to request your End of the Year Activity and Environmental Report! Your member services representative can provide you a customized activity report that will make your life easier! This report can be broken down by commodity and include any time frame. This is perfect for filling out the tonnage report required by the State. For a customized activity report for your town, call member services at (800) 223-0150 or (603) 736-4401.

### Vegetable Oil Recycling

Many communities are collecting and recycling vegetable oil to be turned into biodiesel. Collection bins are provided and oil is picked up at your site. For more information, please call NRRA's member services at (800) 223-0150.

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### Member Services Wants To Hear From You!

The NRRA works for you! Share your thoughts and ideas by emailing [info@nrna.net](mailto:info@nrna.net) or by calling us at 603-736-4401.

## AVR & NRRA Joining Forces to Ignite School Recycling

The Association of Vermont Recyclers and the Northeast Resource Recovery Association announce joint operations effective immediately, with the overwhelming support of both Governing Boards. NRRA will provide financial and administrative support for AVR programming in Vermont, and expand AVR's public school recycling program offerings to NRRA communities throughout the Northeast.



programming that fulfill the Vermont Solid Waste Management Units' educational compliance requirements, and create legions of life-long recyclers to help Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. NRRA regards these programs as essential to sustain quality environmental education and technical assistance for years to come.

As a direct result of this agreement between the two Boards, AVR Executive Director Norm Staunton will work directly with NRRA Director Michael Durfor. The first school fulfillment programs are being scheduled this month with AVR Environmental Health Programs Manager, Charen Fegard, continuing to schedule and present contracted in-school deliverables. In addition, Heather Greenwood, a new intern from Antioch NE is joining Kelly Pearson from NRRA, and Charen to assist with updating the current program offerings.

Both Boards, Executive Directors, and staffs are excited to be working together to support their joint mission goals. Please call NRRA at 1-800-223-0150 or AVR 1-802-224-1000 for more information. ♻️

"This partnership is the culmination of nearly a year of collaborative effort between both NRRA's and AVR's staff" says Staunton. "The benefits to both organizations and, more importantly, to the members and citizens we serve, are tremendous. This partnership is an important step towards a bright future for recycling in the Northeast."

AVR's acclaimed school education programs, award winning Youth Environmental Summit (YES), outstanding Trash on the Lawn Days, school theater assemblies, and solid and hazardous waste reduction technical assistance are highly valued

## Candia Receives \$15K for Their Non-Ferrous Material

It is amazing what 8 to 10 hours a week can produce!

Chuck Whitcher, Manager of Candia's Recycling Center and Volunteers (2-3 people) generated approximately \$15,000 in revenue from non-ferrous material in 2009. Monies from this material make up approximately 40% of their total revenue.

Three (3) part-time volunteers working a total of 8-10 hours a week sorting, stripping, cutting and cleaning incoming scrap metal, electronics, shop wire, appliances, misc. aluminum, etc. Below is a sampling of what Candia's volunteers were able to produce in 2009:

Stainless steel: 700 lbs.  
Aluminum Extrusion: 3300 lbs.  
Cast Aluminum: 1450 lbs.  
Old Sheet Aluminum: 2200 lbs.  
Computer Wire: 550 lbs.  
Shop Wire: 3100 lbs.  
Electric Motors: 4700 lbs.  
#1 Copper: 200 lbs.  
#2 Copper: 200 lbs.  
Aluminum Rims: 100 lbs.

Aluminum Copper / Fin Radiators: 700 lbs.  
Die Cast (iron): 200 lbs.  
Brass (misc): 300 lbs.  
Brass Radiators: 50 lbs.

Candia also had 150 tons of light iron that generated another \$7000 - \$8000.

Chuck and team continue to "fine tune" their program to capture as much material as possible. Chuck is very thankful for these volunteers and emphasizes that this program would not be possible without them. Candia is very lucky to have such a team of dedicated residents!

If you would like more information on Candia's program, Chuck would be happy to correspond or speak with you. Feel free to email him at Chuck. [Whitcher@hotmail.com](mailto:Whitcher@hotmail.com)

\*\* Note above numbers are approximations only and are unaudited figures.

**Call NRRA for current pricing on your non-ferrous material.**



During the past fiscal year, NH the Beautiful awarded sixteen NH towns \$61,996 in equipment grants. Fifty-eight NH towns received \$16,499 in signage for their Recycling Facilities. They distributed almost 3,150 recycling bins and 229 ClearStreams and 2,670 ClearStream bags not only to schools but also to towns, non-profits and businesses in NH.

NH THE BEAUTIFUL'S NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN NOVEMBER 1, 2009

**Grants:** New Hampshire municipalities are all eligible to apply for grants for up to half the purchase price of recycling equipment (do you have an innovative recycling idea? Let us know). To apply for grant, go to the NHtB website: [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org) to print & fill out the form and fax it to Jan at 736-4402.

**Signs:** New Hampshire municipalities are all eligible to apply for signs, you have 60 points each fiscal year. To apply for signs, go to the NHtB website [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org) and print the forms you need and fax it to Jan at 736-4402.



James Bouley \$20,000 towards the

*Grant Presentation in Concord:* NH the Beautiful (NHtB) presented **Concord's** Mayor

purchase 9,000 green curbside recycling bins. Presenting the check was: Mike Durfor, NRRRA, Dennis Nesbitt, NHtB/ Anheuser-Busch, Dennis Dodge, NHtB/ Shaw's Supermarket and Joseph Bellavance NHtB/ Bellavance Beverages, Inc.

In 2005, NH the Beautiful provided Concord a grant for \$25,000 to start up, at that time, their new curbside recycling program.



*Grant Presentation in Walpole:* **Walpole** was presented a check for \$3,740 to-

wards the purchase a Bobcat S-185 skid steer. Pictured (l to r) Back: Lucy Webber and Sheldon Sawyer from Walpole, Mike Durfor, NRRRA Executive Director, Paul Colburn and Jamie Teague of Walpole. Front: John Dumais, NHtB/NH Grocers Assoc., Larry Melanson, NHtB/Coca-Cola and Whitney Aldrich, Walpole Selectman.

*NH the Beautiful also awarded the following grants:*

**Acworth** was awarded \$1,500 towards the purchase a 40' storage container  
**Bradford** was awarded \$4,000 towards the purchase of a new baler.  
**Keene** was awarded \$3,000 towards the purchase of a Big Belly Solar Recycling Kiosk.

## 29th Annual Conference and Expo

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last year's "record conference attendance, in a slow economy, is the direct result of a top-quality agenda that addressed the key recycling issues in the region." This year will be even better.

Keynote speaker Kim Holmes has been acclaimed for her insight and knowledge of e-waste and plastics and has received standing ovations at conferences around the country. Her opening presentation will ignite the two day conference just as Jerry's did last year.

This Conference & Expo is a fantastic opportunity for those interested in recycling and waste reduction to come together for two days of discovery of new technologies, to

exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts. It consists of interactive, educational workshops on all aspects of the recycling and solid waste industry. The Expo area will host over 60 vendors who typically include; equipment manufacturers, recycling facilities, end mills, environmental consultants, engineering firms, recycling suppliers and other industry specific non-profits.

Thank you to our 2010 Conference Partners: Association of Vermont Recyclers, Earth Share of New England, Northern New England SWANA, and MassRecycle.

For more information or to register, go to [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net).

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## Calendar of Events & Announcements

**February 3rd:** NHDES's Managing Universal Wastes, Paints, Freon and Oil Training, 9 am to 12 pm, NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**February 10th:** Members/Operations Marketing Committee\*, 9:30 am, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**February 10th:** NRRA Board of Trustees Meeting, 11 am, NRRA, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**February 18th:** NHDES's Disposal Technology Training, 9 am to 12 pm, NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**March 2nd:** NHDES's Recycling Rate Boosters Training, 9 am to 12 pm, NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**March 10th:** Members/Operations Marketing Committee\*, 9:30 am, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**March 24th & 25th:** NHDES's 2-Day Initial DES Solid Waste Operators Training and Certification Program, 8 am to 4 pm, NHDES Conference Rooms, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**April 6th:** NHDES's Household Hazardous Waste Initial Training, 9 am to 12 pm, NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH

**April 14th:** Members/Operations Marketing Committee\*, 9:30 am, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**April 14th:** NRRA Board of Trustees Meeting, 11 am, NRRA, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

\*These Meetings are for YOU our NRRA members! Please join us for great discussions, networking, information gathering and troubleshooting!

NRRA Offices will be CLOSED on the following dates:

January 18th - Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day

February 15th - President's Day

## Welcome New Board Trustees!

During November's annual meeting, two new members were elected to the Board of Trustees.

George Murray of the Windham SWMD in Brattleboro, Vermont, and John Halstead from UNH have agreed to contribute their talents to an already active and engaged Board, along with returning Board members David Krisch of Swanzey, NH, Sarah Silk of Wolfeboro, NH, and Patrick Pinkson-Burke of Cornish NH.

The Board has received a list of priorities for the coming year from NRRA Staff and the executive committee will meet early in January to establish its goals for the upcoming year and develop committee assignments for the remaining board members who are all looking forward to a new year of commitment.

