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# Full Circle

Please join us  
December 12th  
for the next  
Marketing Meeting!

A Newsletter for Our Non-Profit Recycling Cooperative Members

- LEGAL USE OF THE TRANSFER STATION VEHICLE SCALE -

## A Very Weighty Subject at BCEP

Story submitted by Earl Weir, BCEP Administrator  
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Please read on, because this rule could very well affect the way you weigh your un-separated materials too.

Since 2000, BCEP Solid Waste has been using their vehicle scales to weigh and charge for incoming demolition and un-separated waste materials. They have charged a fee per pound, in 20 pound increments, for the net weight from 20 pounds up to the total net weight.



BCEP Vehicle Scales in Barnstead, NH

The Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Weights and Measures has recently informed BCEP that it is, and has been in violation of, Administrative Rule: **Agr 1404.05 (o)**. In laymen terms, the rule states that their vehicle scales cannot be used to weigh these materials if the net weight is under 1000 lbs (they cannot use the scales to determine charges if the net weight is 980 lbs or less). BCEP can however determine and charge the full amount for any net weight 1000 lbs and up.

BCEP suspects they are not the only transfer station affected by this rule. BCEP's District Committee has instructed its Administrator (Earl Weir) to work toward administratively changing, legally challenging and/or legislatively mandate new rules allowing their current weighing practices to resume. It would be helpful to know about other municipalities who may be adversely affected by this new found rule. Please contact the NRRA or BCEP directly if this is the case. 

- NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR DISPOSING OF MERCURY-ADDED PRODUCTS -


## Mercury Ban in Affect on 1/1/08

As of January 1st, 2008, **HOUSE BILL 416** bans the disposal of ALL products containing intentionally added mercury in solid waste. This includes but is not limited to thermometers, thermostats electrical switches and relays, light bulbs (fluorescent & CFL's) and mercury button cell batteries.

Mercury containing products cannot be disposed of in landfills, transfer stations and/or incinerators, regardless of the

amount of mercury it contains. Your residents and local businesses will be affected by this ban.

Please post signs and provide handouts discussing the new mercury ban deadline. For their convenience, provide your customers with mercury specific collection programs and facilities that accept mercury-products.

For more information contact NRRA or go to: [www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/mercury/hgproducts.asp](http://www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/mercury/hgproducts.asp). 

- CO-OP QUIPS -

Certifications All Around

Bonnie Koch and Adam Clark were re-certified and certified, respectively through the NHDES' Solid Waste Certification program. The NHDES course took place on October 3rd & 4th at NHDES in Concord, NH.

Staying Current

On October 17th, your Co-op Executive Director and two Member Services staffers (Bonnie & Adam) attended the 2007 Solid Waste Conference (hosted by NHDES) in Waterville Valley, NH. They attended and acquired great information from sessions such as Plastics 101, Future Solid Waste Disposal Costs and Is single stream the answer? Hot topics all!

Keeping Track of You, Our Co-op Member

The NRRRA Member Services team wants to remind you that by helping them, you help yourself to keep track of it all.

Everyday at the Co-op, many orders are taken and discussed; release numbers are provided for future pick-ups; and Bills of Lading



Please help your Co-op, to help you!

(BOL's) are received from confirmed loads. The BOL's arrive at the Co-op via fax, email and/or snail mail.

With all of this data recording and collecting from a variety of sources it is imperative to submit a BOL with each and every load shipped. If you have run out of pre-printed BOL's please call the Co-op and we will be happy to mail some to you.

Member Services Wants To Hear From You!

The Co-op works for you! Please consider sharing your thoughts and ideas by emailing [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) or by calling us at 603-736-4401.

- CHESTER TRANSFER STATION CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY -

A Decade of Savings in Chester, NH

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chester Transfer Station, and according to Andrew Hadik, Chairperson of the Recycling Committee, the NRRRA was instrumental in their start-up process. Hadik goes on to say, "Since its beginning the Transfer Station has handled 10,743 tons in their total waste stream, of which over 3,700 tons or about 35 percent was recycled".

Over the last 10 years, Chester's recycling program savings have totaled just over \$165,000, which reduced the total waste

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Chester Transfer Station: Scales

- NEW HAMPSHIRE THE BEAUTIFUL GRANT AWARDS -



Blue Bins for Belmont



L to R: Adam Clark, Jeanne Beaudin & Dennis Dodge

Belmont's recycling program got help recently when they received a NH the Beautiful grant towards the purchase of 2,500 blue curbside recycling bins. This is the city's first attempt at establishing recycling in their town.

Adam Clark, Operations Manager of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association headquartered in Epsom, NH and Dennis Dodge, Market Director of Shaw's Supermarkets headquartered in Stratham, NH and a NH the Beautiful Board Member presented K. Jeanne Beaudin, Town Administrator a check for \$2,500 at the Belmont Town Offices.

Adam Clark stated, "New Hampshire the Beautiful plays an integral role in advancing recycling opportunities throughout the state and it's great that Belmont is able to gear up their program with NHtB's support."



A Compactor For Chester



L to R: Lloyd Healey & John Dumais

Chester's Transfer Station received a grant of \$2,500 towards the purchase of a Plastics Compactor which was recently installed at their facility. They are always looking for ways to defray costs and increase recycling. Chester separately recycles newspaper, brown paper & cardboard, glossy magazines, mixed paper, glass, tin cans, aluminum cans, scrap metal, Freon-containing appliances, propane tanks, motor oil, car batteries, tires, TV & computer related electronics, and #1 PETE & #2 HDPE plastics.

The problem they've encountered is, it is inordinately expensive to recycle the plastic. With the purchase of the Plastics Compactor, this will enable Chester to compact their plastic which will reduce their hauling cost by at least \$2,900 per year. John Dumais, NH Grocer's Association headquartered in Manchester, NH and President of NH the Beautiful Board presented Lloyd Healey, Operator of the Chester Transfer Station a check for \$2,500.

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## Chester's 10th



Chester Transfer Station: Scrap Metal

stream disposal costs by 21%. The annual savings from recycling in 2006 was increased from \$8,409 to \$25,825, which reduced the overall waste disposal expenses by 37%! **That means that last year the town reached a milestone of sorts by recycling 40% of their waste stream!** This is a significant accomplishment because it means the town has finally met the minimum goal set by the State and the EPA. Not many other towns in New Hampshire can claim this fame. Chester's Transfer Station is now being used as an example for other towns looking to update/improve their facilities.

Hadik also noted "I feel the citizens of Chester should be extremely proud of their achievement(s) to date. This percentage of savings was only made possible through their active participation and support".

The Chester Recycling Committee would like to relay kudos to Bonnie Healey (Manager and Lloyd Healey (Operator) for their dedication to the Chester Transfer Station and for helping to make this all happen. 

### - 27TH CONFERENCE -

#### Silent Auction All Year...

Donated items for our annual Silent Auction are accepted all year! If you find or have something you wish to donate, just drop it off at the Co-op offices at 2101 Dover Rd(Rte 4), Epsom, NH




## THE SCHOOL RECYCLING CLUB NEWS

### A Fantastic Fall!

From the *CLUB Quarterly* newsletter and our website (note new address below), the CLUB has been **overwhelmed** with requests for information and inquiries about the activities the CLUB is currently offering.

**The CLUB has also changed its web address to [www.schoolrecycling.net](http://www.schoolrecycling.net)!**

While researching the idea of a new web address, we were VERY happy to find that such an appropriate address still existed. With our own web address, it is easier for schools to remember and refer directly to our site. There is still a school recycling link from [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net) too. 

### - CO-OP SCALE LIST -

## Calling ALL Scale Operators...we want to hear from you!


NRRA is often asked by other members what towns have scales installed. Therefore, NRRA is compiling a list of all municipalities utilizing scales (vehicle and small).

Our alphabetical list currently includes the following municipalities:

BCEP <small>Barnstead, Chichester, Epsom, Pittsfield</small>	Meredith
Dover	Merrimack
Dunbarton	Milford
Goffstown	Moultonborough
Hopkinton	Nashua
Keene	New Boston
Lebanon	Peterborough
Lee	Walpole
	Wolfeboro

If your town has a scale and is NOT listed above, we would like to hear from you.

Please email Marilyn Weir at [mweir@nrra.net](mailto:mweir@nrra.net) or call her at 603-736-4401 to be included.

This list is helpful to Towns researching the feasibility of installing scales as well as those operators who would like to discuss scale related issues with other scale operators. 

- NRRA's 2007 FALL BUS TOUR -

## Amazing & Educational!

On Wed., October 10th, forty Co-op members along with the entire



NRRA Staff, boarded the big bus for the ever popular Fall Tour. The 2007 tour proved to be VERY informative and the attendees were pleased and impressed with each of the Member Services' hand picked facilities to review.

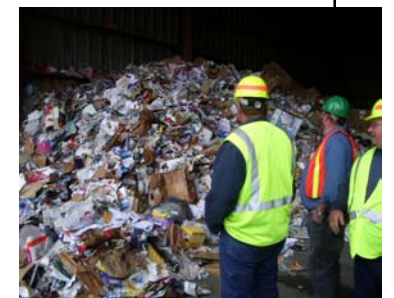
The Bus took us to see:


**ERRCO**, Epping, NH – Environmental Resource Return Corp. *NH's first and largest state of the art construction and demolition debris (C&D) recycling facility.*

**Waste Management**, Rochester, NH Their Turnkey Material Recycling Facility - *A state of the art system designed to process mixed recyclable materials and sorted recycled material*

**Schnitzer Northeast**, Everett, MA *The leading purchaser and processor of recyclable scrap metals in the Northeastern US. – home of the awesome "Mega-Shredder"!!!*

We're already looking forward to next year's "Fall Bus Tour". In 2008, we would like to visit a



few of the Members Transfer Facilities. If you are interested in becoming a host sight for 2008, please contact Bonnie Koch at 603-736-4401 or email her at [bkoch@nrra.net](mailto:bkoch@nrra.net). 

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## Calendar of Events & Announcements

**November 14th** NRRA Marketing Meeting\* at 9:30 am at the NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd, Epsom, NH

**November 14th** NRRA ANNUAL Meeting, 12:00-2:30 pm at the Red Blazer, 72 Manchester St., Concord, NH. Call Jan at 736-4401 to make your reservations!

**November 20th** Hazardous Waste Coordinator Training at 8am - 4pm, at the NH DES, Conference Rooms, 29 Hazen Dr., Concord, NH This Basic Training class is required of all first-time HWC applicants. Contact Tim Prospert at 603-271-7837.

**December 12th:** NRRA Marketing Meeting\*, 9:30am at the NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd, Epsom, NH

**December 12th:** NRRA Trustee Meeting, 1:00pm at the NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Rd, Epsom, NH

**NOTE:** NRRA OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED: NOVEMBER 12th, NOVEMBER 22nd & 23rd, DECEMBER 25th and JANUARY 1st.

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

### *When was the last time your equipment was serviced?*

The Co-op is scheduling maintenance visits. Call 603-736-4401 to make your appointment today! Remember the Co-op has "strength in members" offering excellent discounted group rates!



### - DISPOSAL FEES REPORT -

## How Do Your Fees Compare?

A report on Municipal Disposal Fees will be available to NRRA Members...just for the asking!

NRRA is currently compiling a listing of disposal fees by municipality and by population. The last *listing* was updated in 2002 and was originally created by the Governor's Recycling Program as a guide for Transfer Stations to help determine their own disposal fees. This report will include, but will not be limited to fees for disposing of tires, electronics, appliances, propane tanks, C & D debris, furniture and Freon.



NRRA plans to have this report available by the end of December. We welcome your feedback and input to keep this listing current and complete. Simply call the NRRA at 736-4401 to receive your copy.