



"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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some whispers ...Week of 1/25/10

Market Comments from Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Hello:

Not much to report on the markets this week aside from some whispers that the quick run up in OCC prices talked about last time seems to be easing up somewhat. Driving this may be the fact that while export pricing remains strong; getting an export container out of the port is another trick altogether. If I was sitting on a load of OCC right now, I would try and get it out before February.

Scrap metal pricing is also rumored to be facing a decline though we have yet to see that reflected in our pricing though we will keep you posted. Also, as a reminder, PETE loads are going at a premium price right now so if you are sitting on material give a holler to the office to see if you can take advantage of current pricing through a two-stop, consolidation or another means.

Well that's it for now! short and sweet! have a good week! .Adam

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From the Director's Chair

This year's conference is fast approaching! NRRA is grateful to New Hampshire the Beautiful for showing its support for this valuable event. Not only will there be the most up to date technical workshops for municipal recyclers, thanks in part to the new SWANA workshop tract, but the new school conference will definitely be a beneficial addition, and it is an integral part of the school outreach of NRRA supported by NHTB. The goal is to create a sustainable program within the schools, and life long recyclers amongst the students and staff.

There is a tentative schedule for new school visits for the next month to help support and inspire sustainable programs in each of the facilities. The improved collaboration between schools and towns will foster increased resource recovery and increased revenues for municipalities which can be shared with the schools. Please contact NRRA or the School Club to get put on the waiting list for your town or school. This is a great opportunity to help build or improve the recycling efforts for any community.

NRRA is finishing its data base upgrade and is hoping to continue to improve its communications and reporting. See the insert below that summarizes all the good work you did last calendar year and let's shoot for even higher reduction rates for 2010.

Northeast Resource Recovery congratulates its members!

Thanks to all of you for your hard work, diligence and dedication to reducing the waste stream. Not only has the planet benefited greatly, your communities have received revenue, and avoided costly disposal fees. It is so rewarding when doing the right thing makes good economic sense. Your efforts every day make it all possible, and from everyone here at NRRRA, ðway to go!!!ð NRRRA is proud to be your ðone stop shopð for all things recycling, and will always be looking for new programs to support your goals for increased participation rates.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling cooperative, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2009	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Aluminum Cans	812,487 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 82,678,677 hours!
Paper	30,867.94 tons	Saved 524,755 trees!
Plastics	1,321.89 tons	Conserved 1,982,838 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	10,617 tons	Conserved 10,616,853 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	2,154,958.9 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 56,028,931 hours!

From School Recycling Club:

On the Road Again!



With the generous support from New Hampshire the Beautiful, the School Recycling CLUB will be hitting the road again, visiting three schools each week to help them start or expand their recycling programs. This hands-on help is essential for helping students and teachers overcome the hurdles that they may be experiencing in their schools. Each visit lasts anywhere from a half hour to an hour and completely customized to address issues and concerns of each school.

Our intern, Heather, has been working hard to develop a comprehensive assessment tool that will be used to evaluate each school. In addition, this will be essential in helping schools take their recycling program to the next level.

In the next couple of months, we hope to visit schools in Durham, Lee, Northfield, Dunbarton, Weare and Concord. If you know of a school that needs help with their recycling program, please contact Kelly at kpearson@nrra.net.

Thanks for all of your emails and phone calls about the School Recycling Program!

Just a reminder that Kelly Pearson, our School CLUB Coordinator, works on Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesday from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. She usually is out of the office on Wednesdays, visiting schools. If you need to contact her, feel free to call her at (800) 223-0150 on Mondays or Tuesdays.

From Jan's Desk:



In recent years, the Acworth Transfer Station has under gone quite a transformation for residents taking their refuse there; from an open dump area to a clean, organized transfer station and recycling center.

As a small New Hampshire town, Acworth does not have town pickup for trash, and each home or business must make a weekly trip to dispose of household waste; not a favored chore for most. So when Transfer station attendants, Jim Jennison and Frank Emig, along with support from town Selectman, John Tuthill, decided that a face lift was in order for our Transfer Station, they got lots of support from the local residents. Disposing of electronics has

greatly increased during the past decade as more and more families use the technical advances of electronic products. In order to retain some value from parts and pieces and to get the most in recycling dollars, the town had to find a way to keep them out of harsh, wet weather until the recycling service came by for pick up. It was with this thought in mind when the town decided to add funds for the updating of our Transfer Station to the annual budget. One of those items was to obtain a storage container to house all those discarded electronics. Not only would this improve the visual appearance of the Transfer Station but would provide the undercover protection needed to store the electronics.



Writing grants is not everyone's cup of tea but when learning of the New Hampshire the Beautiful grant for assisting towns with recycling issues, the Selectboard decided this was a way to boost the beautification of our dump and worked together to file their grant application for obtaining a better electronics storage unit. Starting with a budget figure of \$3000 for this project, Acworth was awarded a \$1500 grant from NH the Beautiful along with an unexpected bonus. Since the grant saved them 1/2 of the cost of the storage unit, Acworth was able to use the left over funds to recycle the old electronic storage shed into an undercover oil recovery area.

Acworth continues its efforts to beautify our Transfer Station with other projects, with the help of Acworth residents and the worthwhile support of the N H the Beautiful, Inc. charitable trust and its commercial members. Article submitted by: Peg Kish, Acworth, NH

New Hampshire Municipalities who have not requested grant money yet this fiscal year; please submit your requests. The **next** Board of Directors **meeting** will be **February 2, 2010 so all submissions will not be presented to the board until their next meeting.** NH the Beautiful is always looking for new ideas from towns on how to better recycle cans, glass and plastic bottles. If you have ideas or suggestions that will help other towns, please let us know. To apply for a grant, go to www.nhthebeautiful.org print & fill out the form and fax it to Jan at 736-4402. If you do not have access to the internet, please give us a call and we can fax or mail a form to you.

Signs: New Hampshire Municipalities are all eligible to apply for signs; you have 60 points each fiscal year (Nov 1st ó Oct 31st). To apply for signs, go to the NHtB website www.nhthebeautiful.org and print the forms you need and fax it to Jan at 736-4402. **Please NOTE!!!! You can only order signs that are on the list. Words can be removed but nothing can be added.**

NOTICES!!

Winter Snow Removal Reminder: Please consider our vendors & drivers who come in to your facility to swap rollofs, perform Freon recovery, pick up propane tanks, tires, scrap metal, etc. and be sure that these areas are plowed and accessible. Thank you from all of us.

Vegetable Oil: If members could store or move vegetable oil in to a warm location ó that would help Amenico with pumping the oil during the winter months.

Office Closure: **Our office will be closed on Monday, February 15th for Presidents Day.** Please plan ahead as much as possible when booking loads to assure timely service.

Rindge Energy - Propane Tank Price Changes for 2010

Effective 1/01/10 ó Cost per tank/transport:

	<u>Cost to Member</u>
1 pound tanks:	\$.50
5 up to 100 pound tanks: (including - 20 lb tanks)	N/C
100 pound tanks:	\$9.00
Larger than 100 pound tanks:	\$15.00
Helium Tanks:	\$2.00
Transport Fee:	\$25.00

DID YOU KNOW!!!

Tires - Average Weights

Passenger = 25 lbs
Truck = 45 lbs
Oversize = 150-300 lbs.

Propane Tanks – Average Weight Per Tank

1# = 15 oz
10# = 15 lbs
20# = 18 lbs
30# = 26 lbs
100# = 71 lbs.

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<http://www.nikereuseashoe.com> - recycles athletic shoes

Think of taking a õgreen tripö - Visit:
www.papoosecreek.com ó for Outdoorsy Tree Huggers
www.ecoparaiso.com - for PETA Beach Bums
www.springhousefarm.com ó for those in Search of Green Peace

NEW HAMPSHIRE – NEWS

GILMANTON SOLID WASTE RECYCLING FACILITY

As appeared in local newspapers by Justin Leavitt, Gilmanton Solid Waste Facility Manager

We would like to start off by saying thank you to everyone for their patience and support during the changes in the past year. There is more to come in the future, but all for the good, for the environment, and for the community as a whole.

The main goal for the changes is to get the facility as close as possible to being self reliant, running on its own income as much as possible, and not so much on the tax payers. And this can only happen if we ALL work together!

I would like to bring to the attention of the taxpayers some of the notable changes to our facility in the past year, which improved the appearance, security and safety.

Various contractors helped us complete the following improvements:

- ◆ A new roof over the glass-recycling container
- ◆ A new security fence with sliding gates
- ◆ Many electrical safety upgrades
- ◆ Upgrades and repairs for all heavy equipment

We would like to thank Boulia-Gorrell for their generous donation of metal roofing for the glass bin, as well as Richard Kordas for his help in making it possible.

OTHER NOTABLE THANK YOU'S

CHIEF K.G. LOCKWOOD AND HIS CREW

PAUL PERKINS AND HIS CREW

CHIEF PHILIP O'BRIEN AND HIS CREW

THE HELPFUL REPS OF THE NRRA

MICKEY DAIGLE for donating his time & equipment (digging out the burn pit, turning over the compost pile)

OGNI ELECTRIC for donating the security camera equipment

THE CREW AT THE FACILITY needs to be acknowledged for all that they have done to bring the facility up to par. We would like to extend a welcome to RONALD NASON and CALEB STOCKWELL to our team.

As we all know, the economy went down hill last year, and we have all felt its effects. We have not been spared here at the facility, needing to tighten our belts while continuing to provide good service. We are in the process of making changes to the facility to help us be better prepared for any continued downturn in the economy!

Despite these changes, we have felt the pinch of continuing growth of costs to dispose of our trash, in both hauling and tipping fees. (Tipping fees are the fees we pay at the waste processing facility where we take our trash, on a per ton basis.) Those two fees together have increased XX% since last year, and we see no relief in sight. So we are asking you, our residents, once again to do all you can to reduce these costs by recycling everything you can. We are able to turn your recycled materials into cash for the Town to offset our hauling and tipping fees.

On a good note we recycled 272.47 tons compared to last year's total of 261.01. As a result of this improved recycling effort, our trash tonnage has decreased with a resulting cost savings of \$12,506.37 for the town, compared to \$11,980.35 for the previous year.

Our recycling rate is up to 21% from 18% last year. Let's see if we can continue to increase our recycling efforts with a goal of hitting 75% or better, and keep it there!

THERMOSTAT RECYCLING

Yes, there is still free thermostat recycling in **New Hampshire**. Almost all the electric wholesalers (Ralph Pill, etc.) have Thermostat Recycling Corporation (TRC) bins and about half the state's municipal facilities have the same bins.

You can view the thermostat recycling locations at http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/ppuwmp/documents/trc_participants.pdf. Unfortunately, the lists are not up to date as staffing losses prevent their continued maintenance. If one of your clients is looking for a thermostat recycling location, they should contact their local recycling or solid waste facility, first.

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2010 Bills of Potential Interest to NRRA

(as of 1/21/10)

Bill (to see bill text, hit CTRL and click on bill #)	Title	Sponsor	Bill Status
HB 1575	relative to commercial composting.	Daniel P Carr	Bill in House Environment and Agriculture Committee. Public Hearing: 1/28/2010, 11 a.m. Legislative Office Building, Concord.
SB 301	relative to combustion of untreated wood at municipal transfer stations.	Bob Odell	Bill introduced and referred to Senate Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee.

2009 Bills of Potential Interest to NRRA

(as of 1/7/10)

Bill (to see bill text, hit CTRL and click on bill #)	Title	Sponsor	Bill Status
HB 283	Establishing a solid waste management fund and assessing a beverage container fee (one cent tax on beverages at the wholesale level)	Leigh Webb	House voted inexpedient to legislate (bill killed) on 1/6/10.
HB 338	relative to definitions of electronic waste.	Tara Sad	Signed by the Governor 6/22/2009; Effective 6/22/2009
HB 423	requiring the department of environmental services to develop an outreach campaign to disseminate information on recycling materials, including electronic waste.	Suzanne Harvey	Signed by the Governor 8/07/2009; Effective 10/06/2009
HB 607	Relative to residential pharmaceutical waste	Sandra Harris	House referred bill to interim study on 1/6/10.
HB 675	requiring a refundable deposit on beverage containers	Owen, Derek	House referred bill to interim study.

VERMONT – NEWS

VT PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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There will be a lot of activity around Product Stewardship at the State House this session. Stay posted for more news as things evolve!

#### **E-Waste**

The House Committee on Natural Resources and Energy is taking up S.77, the bill on E-waste, as a first order of business in the 2010 legislative session on January 6. The bill passed the Senate last year with some unresolved issues. The VTPSC and VPIRG have been working this summer and fall to address those issues and will propose amendments to the bill in the House. <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/bills/Senate/S-077.pdf>

#### **Mercury Containing Lamps**

Senator Lyons, Chair of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee, has introduced a new bill that requires manufacturers of mercury-added lamps to establish a program for or to pay for the collection and recycling of mercury-added lamps. <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/bills/Intro/S-232.pdf> This is NOT the same bill that was introduced in the House Fish and Wildlife Committee last year.

#### **Paint**

Senator Diane Snelling of the Natural Resources and Energy Committee introduced S. 224 <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/bills/Intro/S-224.pdf> This bill would require the manufacturers of architectural paint to establish a paint stewardship plan for the collection, reuse, and recycling of architectural paint in Vermont. Each plan would include a funding mechanism for the collection of a paint stewardship assessment, which would be added to the cost of all architectural paint sold to Vermont retailers and distributors. The bill would prohibit the retail sale of architectural paint if the manufacturer of the paint is not implementing an approved paint stewardship program plan.