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## **FULL OF SCRAP** **Week of 4/4/11**

***April 13 - NRRA Office - Plastics Workshop\*\****

### **Lions and Tigers and Bears – Oh My!** **Lids and Tubs and Bales – Oh Why?**



Mixed Bales



Rigid Bales

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total U.S. Bottles Collected (MMlbs.)</b>	<b>Bottles on U.S. Shelves (MMlbs.)</b>	<b>Gross Recycling Rate</b>
<b>2000</b>	769	3,445	22.3%
<b>2001</b>	834	3,768	22.1%
<b>2002</b>	797	4,007	19.9%
<b>2003</b>	841	4,292	19.6%
<b>2004</b>	1,003	4,637	21.6%
<b>2005</b>	1,170	5,075	23.1%
<b>2006</b>	1,272	5,424	23.5%
<b>2007</b>	1,396	5,683	24.6%
<b>2008</b>	1,451	5,366	27.0%
<b>2009</b>	1,444	5,149	28%

**Plastics markets are changing by the minute and we can, we should, and market pricing will now support , expanded plastic programs. Join the discussion and add your experience to this up to the minute workshop.**

### **MOM Workshops = NHDES Certification Credits:**

The Plastics Workshop to be held Wednesday April 13th, at 9:30AM here at the Epsom office, will qualify for NHDES Certification hours so be sure and register when you come in so we can get your certificate of attendance to you and file the proper forms with NHDES. Routine MOM meetings do not qualify for certification, but when we have special presentations like Aggraphalt, Plastics, Non-Ferrous, or Consolidation they will as long as NRRA handles the paperwork.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

#### **FOR THE FOLLOWING MOM MEETINGS BELOW:**

<b>April 13</b>	<b>NRRA Office – Plastics Workshop** - also Trustee Meeting</b>
<b>May 11</b>	<b>NRRA Office</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>No Meeting - NRRA's Conference June 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>July</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>No Meeting – Site Visits</b>
<b>September 14</b>	<b>NRRA Office – also Trustee Meeting</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Vendor Facility Tour/Mom Meeting</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>NRRA Office/Annual Meeting</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>No Meeting due to Holidays</b>

**\*\*NH DES Certification for Attendance**

### **From the Director's Chair....**

### **NRRA is pleased to introduce Mr. Joe Laur - a distinguished speaker at the 30<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Conference**



**Joe Laur** is Senior Manager for Community Engagement and Development at Greenopolis.com, website providing information and tools for conservation, recycling and transforming waste to resources. Greenopolis, a subsidiary of Waste Management- the largest recycler in North America- promotes “social recycling” to encourage higher levels of recycling through on-the-street interactive recycling kiosks, Scan@ programs in schools workplaces and homes, consumer engagement online at [www.greenopolis.com](http://www.greenopolis.com), and through the new social recycling game on Facebook, Oceanopolis.

He is co-author of "Learning for Sustainability", 2007, and the Doubleday book, "The Necessary Revolution: How Individuals And Organizations Are Working Together to Create a Sustainable World" (June 2008) written with Peter Senge, Sara Schley and Brian Smith, and with Sara Schley, co author of "The Sustainability Challenge," published in The Systems Thinker and "Creating Sustainable Organizations" published in the Pegasus' Innovations in Management Series.

### **As Smart As Dirt: Beyond Recycling to Integrated Closed Loop Systems**

A century ago, most of what we threw “away” really did go away. Outside of metals and glass, most materials decomposed rapidly or were otherwise integrated into natural systems. However, during the 20th Century, waste streams dramatically changed with the introduction of synthetic materials like plastics that do not readily decompose. In a third shift at the advent in the 21st Century these synthetic materials are now becoming recognized as “technical nutrients” that can be recaptured and used as the raw material for valuable products. Aided by new brand and product specific, location based, social recycling systems we are getting better at mimicking nature and making us “as smart as dirt” with the ultimate goal of enabling us to capture, recycle and reuse nearly everything, everywhere. Tracking products, packaging and materials through bar codes, embedded chips and nanotechnology means that there is no more “away” for materials to go to, only the next best use. The value of materials is preserved and recaptured, time and again.

I encourage you to hear this outstanding speaker who will be presenting a solo workshop and also participating in the “Save Tomorrow Team Panel”.

Don't miss out on your chance to be part of this milestone conference. Sponsors and exhibitors are encouraged to register early before the Exhibit Hall completely fills.

**To EXHIBIT**, please contact Marilyn Weir: [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) or (800) 223-0150 x11.

**To ATTEND** and/or to **BECOME A MEMBER** please contact Paula Dow: [pdow@nrra.net](mailto:pdow@nrra.net) or (800) 223-0150 x10. *You may also register on line by visiting <http://www.nrra.net/conference/attendees>.*

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## **COOL STUFF FROM MEMBERS:**

### **New Boston Kids Choose Design for Recycling Truck**



Thanks to NH the Beautiful for awarding a grant to New Boston, the town was able to purchase a box truck to be used for collecting and transporting recyclables from the school. The students had a contest to come up with a design for the truck – and they did a great job!!!

Here is their idea. Thanks to all for a job well done!!!!



## **CLASSIFIEDS:**

**Wanted: Two 48' or 53' used Storage Trailers** – roadworthy enough to be transported to Weare, NH. Please call John at 529-1650.

*If you are looking for something or have something to sell/give away/trade, email: [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) and we'll include it in the next issue.*

## **KUDOS TO GILMANTON FOR ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO COMPOST!!!**

*The town of Gilmanton recently sent this letter to its residents....*

Black Gold

For those of you interested in saving money, please read on. What can you do in your spare time for little or no cost to **save money**, increase your **growth** potential and **reap** the benefits for generations to come? The answer is composting...yes, composting and the Recycling Committee recommends that you give it a try. How can composting possibly save money, increase growth potential and benefit future generations? Many of us used to ask that same question until we got hooked on composting.

Composting is easy. It's a way to take what we have in abundance and make better use of it and it's a way to give something back to the Earth. Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all household waste is organic and perfect for composting. By putting that waste into a compost heap you will have less garbage to bag up, so you'll save on bags and the time to bag and haul it to the Recycling Facility.

To turn that waste into "black gold", you will first need a compost area fit to your particular interest and needs. There are many sizes, shapes and styles of composting units. The area can be as simple as a stable stack of used tires or you can order composting bins for a reasonable price at the Recycling Facility. Next you will need waste materials, which should be easy to find. Organic kitchen waste such as fruit or vegetable rinds and cores, coffee grounds and egg shells are great composting candidates as are the things found in your yard. That means things like grass clippings, leaves, branches and weeds, so don't bag them up. Use them. They all have a variety of nutrients that help create great compost. Now add some air and a bit of moisture to keep the pile healthy. The final ingredient to this process is patience while the microorganisms do their thing. They seem to come out of nowhere, like the elves that helped the cobbler, and set to work breaking down the plant tissue. They are joined by Fungi and protoplasm to further the decay process and then are joined by the final team to work for you: the beetles, centipedes and worms. They finish off the job to create the final product: a rich dark brown crumbly earthy smelling substance that some folks call humus...others call it Black Gold.

The process can take years or just weeks depending on conditions and your participation. The more heat that is generated in the pile, the faster it will decompose. By actively adding assorted layers of materials to the pile, watering as needed and rotating to increase circulation your compost will heat up and break down much faster than if you take a passive approach. But even a pile left to fend for itself will still yield rich compost.

When compost is added to the soil it adds nutrients and improves the texture of the soil, so plants thrive. It allows sandy soil to retain more moisture and clay becomes lighter. Better soil conditions promote healthier plants and healthy plants help to clean our air and conserve the soil. Better soil may also encourage you to grow your own vegetables which is a benefit to your health and your budget.

So, why not give composting a try? It's something the whole family can do and benefit from.

Speaking of something the whole family can do, remember that Earth Day is April 22, 2011. Join the town wide clean up by putting trash found along the road in the Blue Bags available at the Recycling Facility and the Town Hall. Your neighborhood will look nicer and the town will earn points for each bag of trash picked up. If you're on Route 107, 140 or 129 the bags can be left by the side of the road for pick up. Just notify Justin at the Recycling Facility or leave word at the Town Hall that there are bags to be picked up.

Don't forget to order your compost bins and rain barrels. For those that are interested, please see Justin at the Recycling Facility. He's taking orders until the end of April.

Remember, "Recycling Pays" and the Recycling Committee invites all the residents of Gilmanton to participate in the town's recycling future.

***NRRA applauds Gilmanton for its continued efforts to engage the community in recycling, compost and waste reduction – WAY TO GO!!!!***

## **From Adam's Desk...**

Good day all...No major changes to report this week.

**Fibers** remained unchanged on the April Yellow Sheet with the exception of a surprise \$5 drop in OCC. Leading up to it being issued on Wednesday, I had a number of conversations speculating no change in OCC or even a small \$5 increase. Welp, your man was wrong. That said, I'm not even convinced its change on the Yellow Sheet will translate into real prices but we'll see for sure next week. Other than that mixed remains hot, particularly as an export commodity and #8 news remains sought after from the insulators. All in all a healthy check up for fibers though one must wonder about how these fuel increases will play out in the markets.

**Plastics:** Demand again, remains healthy here. As has been the case PETE demand is crazy and HDPE continues to jump as well. As always baseline, mixed commodity load numbers are...

HD Natural = \$.37/lb

HD Color = \$.29/lb

PETE = \$.33/lb

As for 1-7, I'd say you could move a nice heavy load at \$.10/lb. give or take.

**Scrap..**No change again this week for our continuing spring clean up's of scrap metal.

Delivered/Containerized = \$235/gt

Zone 1 Bulk Pick up = \$205/gt

Zone 2 Bulk Pick up = \$195/gt

Zone 3 Bulk Pick up = \$180/gt

Oh and be aware that Schnitzer is adjusting their base haul fee structure at some point this month to make transportation formulas more standardized across municipalities. What this means is that many of you will see some change in your haul rate for containers. Some are going up, at least some actually down and some remain where they were. If you have ANY questions, please call us!

**Steel and Aluminum** Can prices keep trucking along. Aluminum cans have risen over the past 2 weeks with 40k lb. mill-spec loads at \$.92 cents picked up. Lighter, and various other loads are then up a similar amount but will fetch a somewhat lesser price per ton depending on the variables. Call for quotes. The steel can market is where I've been hearing quite a bit of talk with regard to the fuel price increases we have seen. So while they are still working out April numbers (should have final prices next Monday, I'd speculate it may drop a hair though the demand for the tons does indeed remain healthy.

Anyway, that's how it looks from here...cheers! Thanks..Adam

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## **From Bonnie's Desk...**

### **UPDATED ERRCO HOURS**

Effective 4/4/11, ERRCO is OPEN Monday thru Friday, 7am – 5pm

Effective 4/9/11, ERRCO is also OPEN Saturdays, 7am-Noon

### **PROPANE TANKS**

**Effective immediately and until further notice**, NRRR/Rindge Energy will NOT be taking **1 pound propane cylinders**. ALSO - NRRR/Rindge Energy will temporarily NOT be taking Propane Tanks over 100 lbs. – please store OR do not accept at your facility until further notice. Rindge Energy and NRRR will be working to find an outlet ASAP.

### **NRRR Remembers former Trustee and friend, David C. Hilliard.....**

WOODSTOCK -- David Clinton Hilliard, 43, died at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center on March 21, 2011, after a brief illness. He was born Feb. 15, 1968, to the late J. Stanton Hilliard and Francene E. Hilliard of Woodstock. Besides his mother, his family includes, three daughters, Katie, Elizabeth and Maisie Hilliard, all of North Haverhill; three sisters, Cathi Wasson of Haverhill, Mass., Karen Wright of Englewood, Ohio, and Doreen Hilliard of Haverhill, Mass.; a brother, John Paul- Hilliard of Thornton; a cherished uncle, Russell E. Hilliard of Minneapolis, Minn.; many nieces and nephews; and a lifetime best friend, Michael Harrington of Lincoln.

David's caring soul and wonderful sense of humor will be missed by many.

Dave served on the NRRR Board of Trustees from 2002-2004. NRRR wishes to extend our condolences to Dave's family.

**INFORMATION SHEETS AVAILABLE  
UPON REQUEST**

1. Asbestos Abatement Companies
2. Baler Vendors: Vertical & Horizontal
3. Batteries – Dry-Cell/Household
4. Brush/Stump Processors
5. Disposal Fees – NH Municipal Transfer Stations
6. Equipment Maintenance Vendors
7. Fire Extinguisher/Smoke Detector Recycling/Disposal Guidelines
8. Glass Crusher Vendors
9. Horticultural Plant Containers and Agricultural Film Recycling
10. Household Hazardous Waste Vendors
11. Microwave Recycling Guidelines
12. Packing Peanuts Recycling & Reuse Guidelines
13. Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) – NH Experiences
14. Plastic Bag Sources for PAYT
15. Recycling Bin Vendors
16. Residential Disposal Sticker Sources
17. Rolloff/Compactor/Transfer Trailer Vendors
18. Scale Vendors
19. Textile Recycling

**Please call NRRRA/Member Services at 1-800-223-0150 to obtain the above information either by fax, email or mail.**

**From Paula's Desk...**



**Grants:** New Hampshire municipalities are all eligible to apply for grants toward the purchase price of **recycling equipment**. To apply for a grant, go to the NHtB website [www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org), print & fill out the form and fax it to Paula or Jan at 736-4402. If you do not have access to the internet, please give us a call 800-223-0150, and we can fax or mail a form to you.

**Signs:** New Hampshire Municipalities are all eligible to apply for signs (60 points each fiscal year or until funds run out). 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 Paula or 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.**

**REMINDER: YOUR "DUZ-R-DO"** For those of you who have sent in your dues payments already, thank you! Just a reminder that municipal dues were due on April 1st. If you need a copy of your invoice, just give me a call and I'll be happy to send you one. Thank you for your prompt payment.



## **RECYCLEMOBILE**

**It's time to reserve** a RecycleMobile for your event!! Contact Paula Dow at 1-800-223-0150 or download form at <http://www.nrra.net/membership/recycle-mobile/>

The RecycleMobile was developed to help make recycling at special events low-cost, highly visible and efficient. It is a simple to use, eye-catching recycling unit consisting of a fiberglass box with six collection holes (3 per side) that is attached to a 4' by 6' trailer and houses six - 32 gallon barrels. You will need a 2" ball to tow the RecycleMobile.

Sponsored by the NRRRA and New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc., and with generous funding from the American Plastics Council, Shop 'n Save and Hannaford Supermarkets, New Hampshire Soft Drink Association, and the National Soft Drink Association.

## **2011 NRRRA CONFERENCE INFO.**

The NRRRA full registration brochure hit the streets on Friday. You can also find this on our website. Don't miss out on your chance to be part of this milestone conference. Sponsors and exhibitors are encouraged to register early before the Exhibit Hall completely fills.

Visit <http://www.nrra.net/conference/attendees> to register on line. To view all of the sessions/speaker info visit: <http://www.nrra.net/conference/conference-workshops/>

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## **NRRRA History & Contacts – We Need Your Help!**

I'm still looking for your ideas and historical information. Email or contact me with your suggestions! Also, there are still some "VIPs that are MIA". I'm trying to get in touch with the following people but do not have current contact information. If you have any information on the "missing" folks below, please send it along to me – your help is greatly appreciated:

### **Missing VIP**

David Kelly  
Michael Bobinsky  
Al Merrifield  
Eric Meserve  
Robert Mitchell

### **Last Known Whereabouts**

Londonderry SW Advisory Committee, Londonderry, NH  
City of Concord, NH  
City of Keene, NH  
Meredith, NH (then somewhere in Florida)  
Jaffrey, NH

All info can be emailed to [pdow@nrra.net](mailto:pdow@nrra.net), faxed to 603-736-4402 or mailed to NRRRA, Attn: Paula Dow, 2101 Dover RD, Epsom, NH 03234.

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE – NEWS**

### **Legislation Update**

SB 174, relative to the Concord regional solid waste/resource recovery cooperative passed in the House on Wednesday. Below is the version of the bill that was adopted by both the House and Senate, and the House committee's report that provides a brief analysis. The only thing left now is for the governor to sign it.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Rep. James E Coffey for House Municipal and County Government: This bill allows the Concord regional solid waste/resource cooperative agreement to be amended to encompass changes to the agreement by the 25 municipalities dated January 16, 2003 and January 22, 2009 and to promote provisions for recycling in addition to its present waste to energy facility **Vote 16-0.**

#### **SB 174 – VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES**

2011 SESSION

11-1022

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SENATE BILL **174**

AN ACT relative to the Concord regional solid waste/resource recovery cooperative.

SPONSORS: Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. Houde, Dist 5; Sen. Kelly, Dist 10; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16

COMMITTEE: Public and Municipal Affairs

#### ANALYSIS

This bill ratifies amendments to the Concord regional solid waste/resource recovery cooperative agreement.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~in brackets and struck through.~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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#### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eleven*

AN ACT relative to the Concord regional solid waste/resource recovery cooperative.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative Agreement. Amend 1986, 139:1 to read as follows:

139:1 Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative Agreement Legalized. All actions and proceedings taken by the cities of Concord, Franklin, and Laconia and the towns of Allenstown, Andover, Belmont, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Bristol, Canterbury, Deering, Dunbarton, Gifford, Gilmanton, Henniker, Hill, Hillsborough, Hopkinton, Loudon, Northfield, Pembroke, Salisbury, Tilton, Warner, Weare, and Webster, and their respective city managers, boards of selectmen, designated provisional and joint board members (or their respective designated alternate board members), agents, and employees, to adopt a cooperative agreement entitled "Agreement for Formation of Concord Regional Solid Waste/Resource Recovery Cooperative" dated June 12, 1985, and to amend and restate said agreement on December 10, 1985, **and to adopt further amendments and restatements entitled "Second Amended and Restated Agreement for Formation of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Recovery Cooperative," dated January 16, 2003 and "Third Amended and Restated Agreement for Formation of the Concord Regional Solid Waste/Recovery Cooperative," dated January 22, 2009** hereinafter **collectively referred to as** the "cooperative agreement," for the public purpose of joining together said cities and towns in a joint and cooperative undertaking for the disposal of solid waste in a manner which will meet federal and state requirements, including, but not limited to, RSA 149-M, and for the economical and efficient recovery of energy from said solid waste disposal, are hereby legalized, ratified, and confirmed. All of the terms, conditions, and provisions of the cooperative agreement, including, but not limited to, the voting and amendment provisions **and provisions for recycling and other solid waste facilities** set forth in the **cooperative** agreement, shall be legal, valid, and binding in all respects on each municipality which is now or which in the future becomes a party to the cooperative agreement. The pledge of each such municipality's full faith and credit to the cooperative to carry out such municipality's obligations under the cooperative agreement, including, but not limited to, its appropriation of the funds necessary for the performance of such municipality's obligations under the cooperative agreement, is hereby validated.

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

## **VERMONT - NEWS**

### **From School Recycling Club & Association of Vermont Recyclers...**

**Free Webinar** Small Town/Rural School Waste Reduction & Recycling

Join us for a Webinar on May 4, 3 – 4:15 p.m. EDT

**REGISTER NOW**



**Space is limited.**

Reserve your Webinar seat now at: <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/879229910>

While there are many successful school waste reduction efforts, schools in rural areas and small towns often lack the resources to know how to start tackling the issue. This Webinar will assist schools to get started implementing waste reduction, recycling, and composting programs.

**Title:** *Small Town/Rural School Waste Reduction & Recycling*

**Date:** Wednesday, May 4, 2011

**Time:** 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM EDT

**Presenters:**

Norm Staunton, Executive Director of [Association of Vermont Recyclers](#), and Grants Manager for the [Northeast Resource Recovery Association](#) (NRRRA), will provide an overview of the NRRRA's [School Recycling Club](#), including:

- How to get started,
- Different collection logistics and options,
- Education and marketing, and
- Strategies for success and tips for replication.

Eric Magers and Scott Morrison from Manchester Essex Regional Middle School (Manchester, Massachusetts) will present on the school's [Green Team](#). Their presentation will cover:

- Funding and cost effectiveness of the program, including cost savings,
- Green Team – business model, mission statement, and branding,
- Getting students to participate,
- Collection logistics—who, what, where, and single-stream recycling,
- Greening the kitchen, cleaning supplies, and other green initiatives,
- Composting and switching to biodegradable trays in the cafeteria, and
- Strategies for success: building community partners.

**Moderator:** Mary Ann Remolador, Assistant Director, [Northeast Recycling Council, Inc.](#)

**Who should participate in the Webinar?**

Teachers, school administrators, school staff, custodians, parents, students, recycling coordinators, and anyone that works with schools and wants to help them reduce their waste.

**Why participate?**

Much of the school waste stream is recyclable and compostable. As a part of its Rural School Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting project, NERC staff conducted waste sorts at schools in Connecticut, Delaware, and New York and found that between 60-85 percent of the school waste included materials that could be recycled or composted. These amounts are supported by waste audits conducted in schools around the country. Waste reduction, recycling, and composting reduces the school waste stream and potential saves schools money. After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Webinar. For more information on the Webinars or on NERC's school project, contact [Athena Lee Bradley](#) ([athena@nerc.org](mailto:athena@nerc.org)), Projects Manager.

## **MASSACHUSETTS – NEWS**

### **Waste Ban Compliance Plans, Transfer station permitting**

MassDEP's Jim Colman clarified : "Transfer stations less than 50 tpd are still under the jurisdiction of MassDEP until July 1, 2012. Although the statute that transferred responsibility to boards of health was passed on July 1, 2010, a subsequent statute (the Economic Development Act) passed in August extended the transfer station permits for two years. So, small transfer stations remain under MassDEP's jurisdiction, unless a board of health would like to take over the permit prior to that date.

The waste ban plans would have been extended along with the permits, but with the new ban on clean gypsum wallboard taking effect shortly, the plans need to be revised accordingly. Since the department still has jurisdiction over the small transfer stations, we are requiring revised plans to be sent to us." It is not necessary to have these documents stamped by a PE. I attended a MassDEP Solid waste Legislation Transition Task Force meeting in Worcester this week at the request of our towns that operate small transfer stations. The purpose of this Task Force is to ease the transition of site suitability and small transfer station permitting authority from MassDEP to local Boards of Health by 7/2012.

I must confess that I felt like a fish out of water, having little experience with the regulatory issues being discussed. It would be useful for a BOH member from one of our affected towns to join me at the [next meeting](#), scheduled for Monday, April 11 in Worcester.

### **Area Earth Day events**

The South Shore Natural Science Center in Norwell will host a [Green Earth Fest](#) on Sunday, April 17 from 11-4.

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**Greener Hull, a chapter of Sustainable South Shore, will hold the 8th Annual Earth Day [Sustainable Living Expo](#) on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Mary Jeanette Murray Bathhouse.**  
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**Saving Abington with Green Energy (SAGE) will be hosting the 2nd [Abington Cares for the Earth Days](#) on April 30th and May 1st, with a rain date of May 7th. SAGE is partnering with the Abington Police for their medication collection and disposal.**  
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**Norwell Recycling Committee will have a [Spring Cleanout](#) on May 7 at the Recycling Center.**  
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\*\*\*[SAGE](#) will be hosting a **Community Yard Sale** at the Abington Town Office parking lot on May 14th from 9AM to 1PM.

### **MassRecycle/DEP Recycling and Organics Conference presentations online**

Wednesday's inspiring [Recycling and Organics Conference](#), cosponsored by MassRecycle and MassDEP, included four workshop tracks this year, including one for schools. There were more great presentations than time to attend them, from Product stewardship to waste stream analysis to school cafeteria composting. Presentations and documents are now available online at [www.slideshare.net/massrecycle2011](http://www.slideshare.net/massrecycle2011).

### **Municipal memberships in Product Stewardship Institute subsidized**

ALL Mass Communities are now full members of Product Stewardship Institute for 1 year. DEP paid for municipal memberships from April 1 2011 to March 31 2012 through a grant. Take advantage of all the great workshops and conference calls, and participate in discussions that could relieve municipalities of some of the burdens of difficult to manage wastes. For more information, contact: **Product Stewardship Institute** 29 Stanhope Street, Boston, MA 02116 617-236-4855 (ph) 617-236-4766 (fax) [www.productstewardship.us](http://www.productstewardship.us)

### **SSRC featured in South Shore Living magazine**

Entitled "[Talking Trash: Recycling Campaigns gaining speed on the South Shore](#)", it's a beautiful spread, featuring a photo of yours truly among the paper bales at Capital Paper Recycling in Weymouth, and The Paint Exchange ladies. The article focuses on the Paper Campaign and the Latex Paint recycling project.

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## NATIONAL – NEWS



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March 30, 2011

**[Don't Miss the Recycling eSeries Kick-off on April 7th! Register Today!](#)**

**SWANA's *Managing Recycling Systems* course is available Online - and at deep discounts for members!** Participate in SWANA's Recycling eSeries from the comfort of your home or office, or download recordings and supplemental materials for review at your leisure. A total of ten sessions covering the nine lessons from our *Managing Recycling Systems* course will be offered via webinar on alternating Thursdays starting April 7, 2011.

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**Richard Mauck** has 27 years administering award-winning public works and solid waste programs for the City of Santa Clara. He administered and managed over \$30 million worth of annual public works programs including the citywide award winning solid waste management programs.

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## Top 5 Ways to Promote Battery Recycling for Earth Day

This Earth Day, Call2Recycle is offering ideas you can use to show your organization's commitment to rechargeable battery recycling.

1. Distribute a [press release](#) touting your sustainability efforts
2. Post [banners](#) on your website announcing your commitment to protecting the planet through responsible rechargeable battery recycling
3. [Share](#) your sustainability story through Facebook and Twitter
4. Include [an article](#) on the benefits of rechargeable battery and cell phone recycling in your company or customer newsletters
5. Get your company involved - hold a collection drive and see which employee can collect the most batteries!

Remember - everyone makes a difference! Go through your home, clean out those junk drawers and recycle your batteries.

If you need help customizing an Earth Day plan, contact our [Customer Service team](#).

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## **FREE EVENT.....**

PSI would like to invite you to participate in a [free webinar](#) sponsored by Keep America Beautiful on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

***This webinar will focus on product stewardship for packaging:***

### ***Product Stewardship Series – Part II: April 5, (2:00-3:30 p.m. Eastern) Stakeholder Perspectives on Product Stewardship: Paint, Electronics and Packaging***

Extended producer responsibility (EPR) is a policy tool that engages a wide range of stakeholders in the management of products when consumers no longer find them useful. At the same time, transitioning to EPR systems can alter some of the roles that agencies and companies have traditionally played in waste management. This webinar will provide an overview of the way that EPR programs for paint and electronics have evolved in this country, highlighting national multi-stakeholder negotiations and developments pertinent to each of these product categories. The webinar will then focus on the emerging U.S. discussions about the potential for EPR for packaging and printed material. More than 30 European countries have packaging EPR laws, with some systems in place for 20 years. Four Canadian provinces also have EPR laws on packaging. However, the conversation about packaging EPR in the U.S. is relatively new. This webinar will provide an opportunity for participants and panelists to consider different perspectives on packaging EPR, explore how their roles might change as a result of an EPR program, and confront the inevitable uncertainty that any new system brings.

*Moderator: Scott Cassel, Executive Director and Founder of the Product Stewardship Institute, Inc.*

*Panelists:*

- *Rich Abramowitz, Director, Public Affairs, Waste Management*
- *Scott Mouw, State Recycling Program Director, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources*
- *Tom Rhoads, Executive Director, Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, NY*
- *Chip Brewer, Director Worldwide Government Relations, S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.*

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