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## FULL OF SCRAP Week of 5/2/11



### **EPA Selects NRRA to Receive Environmental Merit Award**

The New England Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected the Northeast Resource Recovery Association to receive an Environmental Merit Award in recognition of its exceptional work and commitment to the environment in 2010.

EPA's Environmental Merit Award is an annual award that recognizes outstanding environmental advocates who have made significant contributions toward preserving and protecting our natural resources.

This award will be presented at a special ceremony to be held at Faneuil Hall in Boston on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. This annual ceremony has recognized the environmental achievements of New Englanders for more than three decades.

NRRA staff and Board Members will accept this recognition on behalf of you the members, and all the hard work you do to promote increased recycling every day!

***NOTE: In order for the staff to attend this award presentation, the May MOM meeting scheduled for May 11 has been Cancelled***

**Don't forget to register for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Resource Recovery Conference & Exposition – only a few days left to receive the discounted rates! Go to <http://www.nrra.net/conference/attendees/> for details!**

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

**NRRA is pleased to introduce Liz Bedard . One of the original signers of NRRA, Liz will present the opening keynote address at the 30<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Conference:**

Ms. Bedard has over 30 years experience in the solid waste management and recycling field, always searching for new, creative and sustainable ways to “dig deeper into the dumpster”. As Director of the NH Governor’s Recycling Program for fifteen years, she successfully developed statewide municipal, business and school recycling programs. She is one of the founders as well as served twice as Executive Director of the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, the oldest and largest recycling cooperative in the US. In addition her experience as a local Selectperson and other Board positions have given her a valuable base of regional, state and local experience. Now, as a consultant, she is the Director of the Association of Postconsumer Plastic Recyclers “Rigid Plastics Recycling Program”.



**It's not too late to be part of this milestone event!!!!**

**To become a CONFERENCE SPONSOR** please contact: Michael Durfor, NRRA Executive Director: [mdurfor@nrra.net](mailto:mdurfor@nrra.net) or [\(800\) 223-0150](tel:8002230150) x16.

**To EXHIBIT**, please contact Marilyn Weir: [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) or [\(800\) 223-0150](tel:8002230150) x11.

**To DONATE to the SILENT AUCTION**, please go to [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net) for a donation sheet or contact Paula Dow: [pdow@nrra.net](mailto:pdow@nrra.net) or [\(800\) 223-0150](tel:8002230150) x10.

**To ATTEND and/or to BECOME A MEMBER** please contact Paula Dow: [pdow@nrra.net](mailto:pdow@nrra.net) or [\(800\) 223-0150](tel:8002230150) x10. You may also register on line by visiting <http://www.nrra.net/conference/attendees>.

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**Be sure to register soon to take advantage of discounts – rates increase on May 16!**

**NRRA History & Contacts – We Still Need Your Help!**

We're still looking for your ideas and historical information. Email or contact Paula ([pdow@nrra.net](mailto:pdow@nrra.net)) with your suggestions! Or, if you know the current whereabouts of any of the following people, please email that as well. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Missing VIP**

David Kelly  
Eric Meserve

**Last Known Whereabouts**

Londonderry SW Advisory Committee, Londonderry, NH  
Meredith, NH (then somewhere in Florida)

## **FROM THE SCHOOL RECYCLING CLUB...**

### **Calling all Cereal Boxes!**



The School Recycling CLUB is in need of cereal boxes or other colorful paperboard to use to make crafty items. In the past, Kelly has made bookmarks, business card holders, etc. to give out at the conference.

This year, she hopes to have a table in the expo room where kids (and kids-at-heart) can try making their own. This requires a lot of materials, so we're hoping that each member coming to the May M.O.M. meeting can bring a shopping bag or two with them!

Also in need are used children's books! The thick, coated paper makes it perfect for making origami wallets. We're especially looking for books that have full-page images with little text to get donated for reuse. *Where's Waldo* books work great too!

Thanks in advance for your help!

### **CLASSIFIEDS:**

*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.*

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

### **PROPANE TANKS - REMINDER**

**Effective immediately**, NRRR/Rindge Energy WILL be taking **1 pound propane cylinders**. Rindge Energy has worked out an arrangement for their processor to take them. There is still a \$.50/charge per tank in effect.

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.

### **FREON RECOVERY FEE ADJUSTMENT - REMINDER**

**Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>**, NRRR/Interstate Refrigerant will be charging \$9/unit for Freon Recovery of Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers & Water Coolers. Interstate Refrigerant reduced costs for 6 ½ months and is returning to regular established pricing per unit.

Simply call NRRR to schedule Freon Recovery – minimum of 25 units. Units are **not** removed from site and, once Freon is recovered, can be included with your Scrap Metal for Revenue. A Certificate of Recovery is provided to Members by Interstate Refrigerant thru NRRR's Accounting Dept.

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



Adam had a guest in Member Services last week during "Take Your Daughter to Work Day". Like any professional team, NRRRA is always looking for interested and dedicated recruits.

Greetings! Not much to report on the commodities markets yet as we are just back this AM for our first day of work in May. If you want to give a call to talk prices on Wednesday, The Yellow Sheet should be out (hopefully early though sometimes midnight) and we should have some solid plastics numbers to work with by then.

One important thing to bring up again as was mentioned last time, is the problem in the Newspaper market. Oversupply and full-up mills and insulators are driving the price down quick, particularly for the dry stuff many of you all produce. I do expect it to work itself out early this month as I suspect some of the problem is hesitancy on buyer's parts to give out prices/buy loads as they know prices are plunging and we were near month end. For now though I just ask for as much heads up as possible for booking newspaper loads as there may be a short (I would expect under a week though) delay in making arrangements. I will add also that these problems are not being seen for OCC or Mixed Paper loads though I've heard some speculation of small drops in these prices as well.

Scrap Metal pricing though does remain steady here the first week of the month. Make sure you get your Freon extraction orders in early as we are getting lots of requests and it's going to be a busy spring for our Freon extraction boys. Oh also for Their sake it is ALWAYS helpful to have a count (rough count works) of the type and number of units at your site. This allows them to make sure they bring enough tanks to complete the job at your site. Oh yeah, prices!

Delivered/Containerized = \$215/gt  
Zone 1 = \$175/gt  
Zone 2 = \$165/gt  
Zone 3 = \$150/gt

There ya have it! Short and sweet; though like I said, give a holler and we can talk as May pricing comes out. Have a good day!

Thanks..Adam

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE FOLLOWING MOM MEETINGS BELOW:**

**May 11 CANCELLED DUE TO EPA AWARD CEREMONY**

June	No Meeting - NRRRA's Conference June 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>
July	No Meeting
August	No Meeting – Site Visits
September 14	NRRRA Office – also Trustee Meeting
October 12	Vendor Facility Tour/Mom Meeting
November 9	NRRRA Office/Annual Meeting
December	No Meeting due to Holidays

## From Paula's Desk...



### 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.



**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.**

## VERMONT NEWS

### **Association of Vermont Recyclers Announces New Board Officers**

The Association of Vermont Recyclers is pleased to announce the appointment of new Board Officers.

**Mark Kaufman**, a long-time friend and partner to AVR, and a recent Board Appointee, will take over for Randy Pratt as the Chair and President.

**Don Maglienti** from the Addison Country Solid Waste District, continues another term as the organizations Vice-Chair.

**Randy Pratt**, former Executive Director and former Board President will continue to serve as Treasurer of AVR.

**Corey Berman** of the University of Vermont Recycling Program, a long-time AVR Board Member will serve as Secretary.

**Jess Sankey** of the Chittenden Solid Waste District and former Board Treasurer, will continue as an Officer-at-Large.

The Board of Directors welcomes input from members and non-members alike and welcomes new interest in serving as a director. Anyone interested in participating in Board of Directors meetings, projects, or in pursuing a Directorship, should contact Norm Staunton at [director@vtrecyclers.org](mailto:director@vtrecyclers.org)

Many thanks go to those Board Members who have served in other Officer positions and those who have taken on new responsibilities.

## **August, 2011: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Environmental Summit**

High school students from around the Northeast and the nation will attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Environmental Summit (YES!) July 29, 30, & 31, 2011 at Keene State College in Keene, NH. Unlike the concerts, games, skate parks, and shopping trips more commonly associated with teens, this event is planned by and for teens to rally committed student-activists and teen-environmental organizers to an action planning event.

The Youth Environmental Summit (YES!) brings together high school student-activists for three days of training, planning, networking, and celebration of student-led direct action environmental campaigns. Afterwards, participants will return to their home schools and communities to organize and lead their own environmental campaigns.

YES! is organized by a steering committee of high school students with support from NRRA, AVR, and the US EPA. High School students interested in joining the steering committee should contact us [theclub@nrra.net](mailto:theclub@nrra.net) to get more information. YES! is further sponsored by the National Recycling Coalition, the Keene State College President's Commission on Sustainability, and the Antioch University New England Environmental Education program.

The theme of this year's Summit weekend is "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" and will incorporate expert presenters, training sessions, outdoor adventures, local foods, hands-on learning, and social events, according to YES tradition. While waste prevention and responsible consumerism are key focuses of the event, all aspects of environmental activism will be addressed, from forums on specific issues to trainings on running campaigns.

"YES is an intense weekend" says AVR Executive Director Norm Staunton. "But while the goal is to prepare teens to lead their own campaigns, you can't neglect the need to network, socialize, and celebrate the success of past campaigns. The Steering Committee does a great job of balancing those needs."

More information and registration documents are available now at [www.schoolrecycling.net](http://www.schoolrecycling.net) and [www.vtrecyclers.org](http://www.vtrecyclers.org)

## **NATIONAL – NEWS**

*Here's an interesting article reprinted from the April 27 issue of Waste Age Green*

### **The lighter Side of Green.....**

[Dr. Doo-Doolittle](#)

[Steven Averett](#)

If you've ever escorted a young child to the zoo, you know that it is not the impossibly cantilevered necks of the giraffes that awe them; nor is it grace and variety of the tropical birds or the imposing majesty of the elephants. No, what impresses a small child confronted by all of this uncensored nature is poop — LOTS of poop — in all shapes and sizes, hitting the ground everywhere they look. It's a four-year-old's dream made real.

All of that poop has to go somewhere. Why not put it to good use? Such is the thought behind the composting project launched by the [Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden](#), which bills itself as "the greenest zoo in America." The zoo has partnered with [Marvin's Organic Gardens](#) in Lebanon, Ohio, to compost bedding material and manure from the zoo's

herbivores into ultra-rich compost (carnivore dung is not suitable for composting). The move diverts a substantial amount of waste from the landfill and saves the zoo \$5,000 in waste disposal costs.

They could probably also sell tickets for kids eager to see it scooped up into the World's Biggest Dung Pile. Source: [The Cincinnati Enquirer](#)

## Circular File: The Meaning of Less Municipal Solid Waste

Mar 1, 2011 12:00 PM, By Chaz Miller (reprinted from WasteAge)

Waiting for waste volumes to return to old levels? Don't hold your breath.

In last month's column, "[The Waste We Were](#)," I noted that EPA data shows we aren't making trash like we used to. In 2009 we made 12 million tons less than two years before. In fact, we barely made as much trash as in 2000. Most importantly, individual waste generation declined by almost 8 percent during the decade.

The economic recession caused some of this waste reduction, but its impact was mostly on construction and demolition debris, not on municipal solid waste. Instead, we are witnessing the impact of changes in how we manage materials — changes that will stay with us when the economy starts picking up.

But what do these changes mean to recyclers and waste managers? How will we cope with this brave new world of less waste? Here are some trends I see:

- **Paper is down; plastic is up.** The amount of paper we use has decreased drastically, with the "knowledge grades" (e.g., newspaper, books, printing and writing paper) declining by 15 million tons since 2000. Computers and the Internet are replacing paper as a means to transmit knowledge. As a result, recycling facilities will process less paper and see less revenue. Nationally, recycling tonnage is down, largely as a result of the decline in paper generation.

At the same time, plastic use is up by more than 4 million tons since 2000. Packagers and manufacturers continue to use plastic to make lighter-weight products that produce less waste. For recycling facilities, better revenue streams from plastics are a must.

- **Waste reduction is caused by business, not by government.** The rise of plastic was caused by businesses looking to save money with a more efficient, less expensive material. Similarly, the decline of newspapers was caused by the rise of the Internet and on-line advertising sites such as Craigslist that took large chunks of advertising revenue away from print media. Ironically, we'd have even more plastic if plastics users weren't constantly finding new ways to use less. For instance, Wal-Mart's recent initiative to sell detergent as a concentrate resulted in smaller plastic bottles.

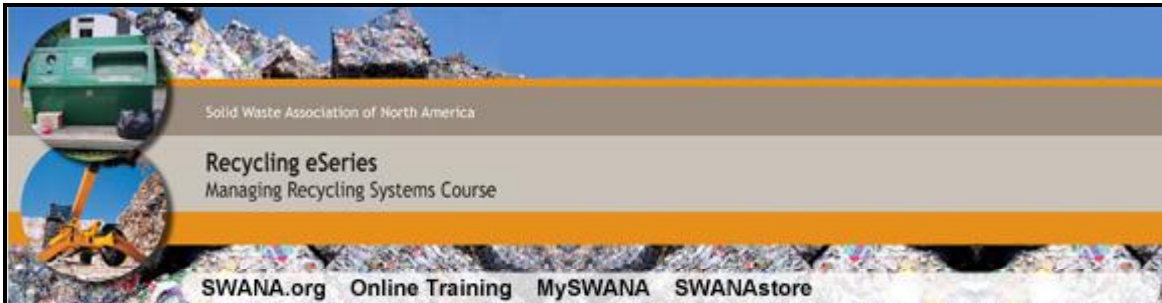
- **Corporations love "zero waste."** Manufacturers and retailers have eagerly embraced the advantages of turning wastes into resources. They have learned the economic value of reducing or eliminating their garbage cans and increasing the size of their recycling bins. A financial debit is now an asset. By using fewer materials to make products and by converting their waste stream into a resource stream, they are being resourceful capitalists.

- **Recycling is replacing disposal.** The most daunting fact for solid waste managers is that recycling has skyrocketed in the last two decades while disposal has receded. Since 1990, recycling increased by 49 million tons, or 147 percent, while disposal decreased by 14 million tons, or 8 percent. Although the increase in recycling has slowed since 2000, most of the disposal decline occurred in this decade.

Waste generation will rebound slightly when we get out of the recession. Recycling tonnages will be the primary recipient, with food waste composting taking off in the next decade. Disposal tonnages will continue to decline.

Savvy solid waste managers and recyclers understand the need to be nimble in response to these changes. They will have to exploit these new realities. If they don't, they will soon find themselves in the buggy whip business.

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Join SWANA Certified instructor Diane Davis on **May 5th**, for the *Developing and Researching Recycling Markets* eSession. This session addresses the need to identify existing and emerging markets for recyclables. Upon completing this session, you should have a better understanding of:

- How to determine acceptable material quality requirements for your market
- How to establish yourself as a preferred supplier of recyclables

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