



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

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## Along Into Spring ... Week of 3/08/10

### Market Comments from Northeast Resource Recovery Association

Welp.

Things are continuing to hum along into Spring with nearly all markets up. The fibers markets took a big (though expected) jump on the Yellow Sheet this month and prices continue to float up even further. Full baled 40k lb. loads are now around the \$170/ton rate. It even feels crazy writing that but alas that's the view from here. Anyway, I report all this good news with the words of reflection on what goes up must come down. One guy I talk to pretty regularly says \$200 bucks is just about the max that mills can pay for OCC and still make any money. Who thinks we'll get there? I suppose time will only tell. Mixed paper is up this month as well with baled, 40k lb. loads moving out the door at \$95/ton. #8 news loads saw no change and range from \$97.50- \$107.50/ton.

Scrap pricing is also on the rise with the Spring thaw. I ought to get a graph together for the next email looking at scrap metal pricing. I can't remember what the max was in 2008 that I saw but we can't be all that far away. What a world. Containerized/delivered pricing at the Schnitzer yards is at \$185/gt this week with picked up pricing being dependent on your geography but guaranteed to knock your wool socks off.

One thing that markets like this bring out is EVERYONE and their brother. I know some of you guys and gals get calls from brokers at your facilities and believe me we get 'em here. Interesting is all. Good things often come from it but I always wonder where they were/will go when the market cools off?

Plastics are also showing further signs of life with PETE pricing being just about as close to HD pricing that I've ever seen them. Baseline rates for 30k lb. minimum, mixed commodity loads are currently

PETE = \$.15/lb

HDPE NAT = \$.24/lb

HDPE MC = \$.18/lb

More for straight/heavier loads!!

Steel can loads are also up with full 40,000 lbs., one-stop loads at \$258/gt and aluminum can loads are on the upswing as well. Schnitzer pricing is \$.63 for loose cans delivered and \$.67 for baled cans delivered. Full heavy loads are in the lower \$.70's/lb again.

And finally since you're not doing anything else right now have a peek at this ...

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/09/junk-art-photos-10-amazin\\_n\\_487050.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/09/junk-art-photos-10-amazin_n_487050.html) ... it's kinda cool huh?

Bye for now! You're the best! ... yes YOU!

Thanks! .Adam

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### *From the Director's Chair*

Our Executive Director is on a well deserved vacation. Look for him in our next issue!

### *From Jan's Desk:*

#### CONFERENCE REMINDER:

Don't forget to sign up before May 14<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of the reduced early registration prices. You can register on line at <http://nrra.net/confattendee.html>. We hope to see you there!!

#### **STILL NOT TOO LATE TO PURCHASE A COMPOST BIN, RAIL BARREL OR KITCHEN PAIL!!**

Looking to purchase one for yourself or for someone you know and your town is not participating? You can find an order form on our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net) or you can call Jan Carter at (800) 223-0150 or email [jcarter@nrra.net](mailto:jcarter@nrra.net).

The 2009 sale **helped divert a total of 1,060,000 pounds** of waste from Northeastern landfills and incinerators. That is the **equivalent of 44 garbage trucks** full of waste! Let's try to bring that total to 1,200,000 pounds this year!!



**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 **April 21, 2010**. 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](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org), print & fill out the form and fax it to Jan at 736-4402 by **April 7, 2010**. 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 1<sup>st</sup> ó Oct 31<sup>st</sup>). 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. **Please NOTE!!!! You can only order signs that are on the list. Words can be removed but nothing can be added.**

**TOWNS/NON-PROFITS: 14 GAL GREEN RECYLING BINS AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$3.95 – supply is almost gone!!! The price for schools is still \$3.00!!**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE – NEWS**

**2010 Bills of Potential Interest to NRRA**

(as of 3/5/10)

<b>Bill</b> (to see bill text, hit CTRL and click on bill #)	<b>Title</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Bill Status</b>
<a href="#"><b>HB 1575</b></a>	relative to commercial composting.	<a href="#">Daniel P Carr</a>	* Bill referred to interim study.
<a href="#"><b>SB 301</b></a>	relative to combustion of untreated wood at municipal transfer stations.	<a href="#">Bob Odell</a>	Bill introduced and referred to Senate Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee. <b>(Hearing yet to be scheduled.)</b>

**SB 301**

The Senate is holding a hearing on SB 301 relative to the burning of clean wood construction materials at transfer stations on Thursday, March 11 at 9:00 am in room 201 of the Legislative Office Building.

This bill removes the requirement to stop burning clean wood demolition materials, which currently takes effect on 1/1/11. I suspect some of NRRA's members may want to testify.