

## Sandy River Recycling Association

### Managers report for October 2011

The month of October has been a busy productive month. We have processed 68.7 tons and sold 121.9 tons with an average of \$137.70 per ton. Prices are on their way down. I have wondered when this was going to happen. Occ is down \$35. per ton and sells for \$125., onp is down \$40. per ton and is selling for \$100., m-p is actually up a little in price and selling for \$105. but we usually have to pay shipping for this material which can be upwards to \$750. per load, sow, our high grade pack, is also down about \$150. and sells for \$145. Steel cans are going for \$295. per ton minus freight of around \$900 for a 22.5 ton load. Plastic prices are still fairly good. (#2) Hdpe natural about \$600., colored about \$400. and mixed (Zbales) about \$420. (#1) pet(bottles only) \$614- \$94 not much movement, (#1) bottle bill material only \$714., #4 ldpe clear bags and shrink wrap \$274. minus \$25.-\$30. per bale freight, (#4) colored bags \$104. same freight, Rigid plastic and #3-#7 plastic both \$56.-\$26. delivered to Boston Port. (for export to China??) Must have enough to put 18 tons in a container. Aluminum foil and cans, beverage and cat food, about \$895. before freight and foil must be baled separately from cans.

We have purchased a new skid steer loader. We had 4 companies bring us machines to try and give us proposals to sell us a machine and take our old one in trade. The committee and myself reviewed all the proposals and decided

on a Caterpillar 246C. This was not the lowest priced machine or the highest priced, it was the next to lowest. This machine has a number of features that will make maintenance easier and the way the way the fan blows to cool the motor does not blow the paper on the floor all over the place. We kept our bucket and tires and wheels and the committee said if we were buying a new loader to buy a new set of tires. We use solid rubber tires on this machine for stability and this also allows us to use the machine to crush glass so we are able to get more glass in a container and haul less trips.

Composting is still going well. We are still not getting anything from any schools in Mt. Blue RSD except Mallett School. We are getting our usual amount of material from UMF. We did help clean up the manure from the Farmington Fair about a week or so after it was finished. We hauled about 180 cubic yds. of material we will use through the winter to make our compost work. I am going to see if I can find some grant money some where to help us add more value to our compost. This could buy a screen or something else that will help us expand this program and bring in more revenue.

Respectfully Submitted

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