

Sandy River Recycling Association

Managers report for September 2011

The month of September has been a busy productive month. We have processed 78.3 tons and sold 106.4 tons with an average price of \$142.40. Prices remain stable again for this month. No change in occ still \$160., onp is holding at \$140. for baled and \$135. for loose, mixed paper is down a little and is selling for \$117., high grade (sow) is also down a little at \$220. Plastic prices are not bad because of the price of oil . #2 hdpe natural sells for \$640. and #2 hdpe colored is up \$140. selling for \$460., #' 3-7 is a negative \$20. per ton delivered to Boston Port, #4 ldpe sells for about \$280. pet #1 (bottle bill material) is \$814., #1 pet (bottles only) non bottle material is \$584. to \$504. Still not much movement. Steel cans are selling for \$256 down \$10. from last month and aluminum cans are going for \$1000./ton but no foil can be mixed in. Foil must be baled separate. Glass is still the same at \$12. for clear delivered to Lisbon Falls. Again thanks to MRRA for keeping us informed of the prices.

We had a small problem with the Roll Off truck. The fan belt broke in Vienna. Don & I tried to fix it beside the road (in the pouring rain) with no luck. We limped the truck home and called O'Connor's for parts and they didn't have a belt on the shelf but could have one the next a.m. I was at O'connor's when they opened the next am and brought the parts here.

We also changed the belt tensioner at the same time because we didn't know what caused the belt to fail. Other than that everything is running well.

We have been trying out Skid-Steer loaders for the past month trying to find the best buy and the machine most suited for our operation. We have tried out three machines and will decide in the next week which one is the right one.

Composting is still going strong we have been getting a fair amount of food in and used our 30yd container to clean up the fair grounds again this year. We hauled 6 containers that were all very full. So we piled 180 cubic yds. of amendment for use this winter. We also moved the pile we made last year up on the curing pad to finish curing. This material will be ready to sell in the spring. The only thing we have to do this year is to cover the pile with some covers we have that let the pile breathe without letting water in to wash away the nutrients.

We also have a container for Mount Blue RSU down by the bus garage. We have dumped it twice within 3 weeks and it could have gone another week. So far the material is pretty clean but there is a lot of High Grade paper mixed in with the mixed paper so we need to work on sorting. It's a work in progress as always.

Respectfully Submitted

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