



NEWSLETTER

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Commercial Operations is Here!

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is pleased to announce that it has accepted Coastal Resources of Maine's certification of successful completion of its required performance test. As a result, as of Monday, November 4, all of MRC members' waste and co-mingled recycling began being sent to the Coastal facility in Hampden on a nonstop basis. Bridge payments have stopped from the MRC as of this date. Please submit all outstanding reimbursable expenses by January 6, 2020.

"We are thrilled that Coastal Resources of Maine has been cleared to receive all 115 MRC members' waste and recycling," said MRC Board of Directors President Karen Fussell. "This is a tremendous milestone to use advanced technology for recycling and solid waste processing. We are set to increase our recycling and diversion rates to help the region move up on the solid waste hierarchy. This is an exciting time to be in Maine."

Coastal Resources began the rigorous acceptance test on Monday, October 21 and wrapped up on Friday, October 25 with all hands on deck, from Fiberright and Coastal employees to equipment manufacturers to MRC staff and consultants. The facility successfully processed over 1,200 tons of MSW during that time! The MRC has accepted the results, which confirms the formal start of full commercial operations.


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We are proud of this significant accomplishment that is a reality due to the vision of the MRC Board of Directors and trust and persistence of MRC Joining Members. History has been made, and we congratulate all those who are involved.”



UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 11, 2019
Annual Membership Mtg: 3 - 5 PM
Orono Council Chambers
Municipal Building
59 Main Street, Orono

 Look for the invite in the newsletter mailing or on the MRC website!

January 22, 2020
Finance Committee Mtg: 9 AM
Quarterly Board Mtg: 10 AM
First National Bank
Community Room
145 Exchange Street, Bangor

ABOUT THE MRC

The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is a non-profit association of Maine communities led by an elected, volunteer board of directors. 115 members have joined together to ensure the affordable, environmentally sound disposal of MSW in the long-term and send their MSW to the Coastal Resources facility in Hampden for processing.

Visit www.mrcmaine.org or contact Mike Carroll at 207-664-1700 or execdirector@mrcmaine.org to learn more about the Municipal Review Committee and to add your name to our email contact list.

ARE YOU ON SOCIAL MEDIA?



MRC regularly sends updates and announcements by email to those who have signed up for our alerts. We also have active Facebook and Twitter accounts where we share articles and post about events and interact with members. Make sure to "like" or follow us through your town's accounts too!

Did You Know?

Holiday season is here and with that households often generate more waste than is typical. With that in mind, we wanted to offer advice on how to dispose of seasonal items.



Holiday Lights – While string lights are acceptable at the facility, they should be cut up into three foot segments or smaller so not to get caught up in the machinery.

Wrapping Paper – What you can't reuse, Coastal will transform! The paper will be shredded, any metallic bits are pulled out, and the rest is turned into pulp!

Christmas Trees/Wreaths/Poinsettias – Like yard waste, trees, wreaths, and poinsettias are not acceptable material at Coastal. Please work locally at either a transfer station or yard waste facility to dispose of these plant based items. One of the reasons why they are not acceptable is that many have pesticides that cause problems during the making of biogas.

Fabric/Tree Skirts – Textiles like tree skirts can be cleaned and dropped off at reuse stores across the region. If disposed then the three-foot rule applies (fabric pieces should be smaller than 3 sq. ft.).

Ribbon – Just remember, reuse it if you can, and, if not, the three-foot rule. Ribbon should be cut up into three foot or smaller segments just like holiday lights.

2020 Objectives

As we look toward the new year and with commercial operations finally underway, the MRC will continue to work with Coastal to enhance diversion from the waste stream and tweak processes for added convenience and operability including bulky wastes. The board will also be considering enrollment of new members and/or dues increases. We do plan to send an online member survey in early 2020.

Audit Available on MRC's Website

The 15 month audit ending June 30, 2019 of the MRC financials is available on the MRC's website under Documents. If you would like a hard copy, please contact Mike Carroll at **664-1700** or execdirector@mrcmaine.org.

Town Meetings

Is Recycling and Trash a hot topic for your community? MRC Executive Director Mike Carroll is available to attend members' town meetings to talk trash and recycling. If your community doesn't have a town meeting, he is also able to present at a community meeting. Reach out for a time at **664-1700** or execdirector@mrcmaine.org.



SCHEDULE YOUR
VISIT

Mike Carroll is continuing to make the rounds with MRC Members. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact him at **664-1700** or execdirector@mrcmaine.org.