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## **Governor Baldacci Proclaims Maine Recycles Week November 8-15**

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In his annual proclamation, the Governor proclaimed November 8-15 as Maine Recycles Week and asked each Maine citizen to recycle and to buy goods made from recycled materials.

“Recycling has become fundamental to the health and welfare of the citizens of the State and directly contributes to the prosperity of the people of Maine through jobs in manufacturing, collection, processing, marketing and transportation throughout the State,” the Governor said in his proclamation.

This year, the 10<sup>th</sup> year of Maine Recycles Week, is a time to recognize the value of recycling in our communities. Schools, businesses, municipal offices, and the media are asked to join in and do their part to draw attention to the importance of recycling.

Recycling and buying products with recycled content is one of the easiest ways to reduce your carbon footprint. “While the technology is constantly evolving, the philosophy and rationale for recycling has not. The importance of commitment to recycling cannot be stressed enough,” said Bruce White, the coordinator of Maine Recycles Week at the State Planning Office. Last year Maine’s recycling efforts saved 14 million BTUs of energy, enough to power more than 135,000 Maine homes for a year !

Maine Recycles Week is celebrated with the help of the Maine Recycles Week Steering Committee. During the week, communities host open houses and provide tours to school children. Schools and educational facilities organize recycling or composting programs and hold poster contests. Local businesses often contribute by helping promote municipal efforts. The whole community celebrates.

A special thanks goes to this year’s Maine Recycles Week sponsors including Premier Sponsors: Penobscot Energy Recovery Company, New Page, Baker Commodities, National Semiconductor, The Colony Hotel, Dragon Products Company, Casella, Maine Resource Recovery Association, State Planning Office, Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments, Portland Press Herald, and Maine Sunday Telegram; Champion Sponsors: Aggregate Recycling Corporation, CPRC Group, H.P. Hood, Waste Management, Auburn SHARECenter, and L.L. Bean; Supporting Sponsors: Northern Maine Development Commission, Maine Recycling Corp., Poland Spring, Returnable Resources, and Bath Iron Works.

Go on-line for more information on Maine Recycles Week 2008, or recycling in general at [www.recyclemaine.com](http://www.recyclemaine.com).

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