



# NEWSLETTER

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## MRC, Coastal Resources and COVID-19



In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, MRC members have been faced with the complex task of maintaining essential services for residents. We can all rest assured knowing that Coastal Resources is there to continue solid waste processing and recycling services regardless of local collection methods.

Now more than ever having a waste recycling plant to handle household waste that comes in from our communities is important to members, residents, elected officials and regulators.

While some communities may have scaled back recycling programs, Coastal Resources, by design, is equipped to ride out these market fluctuations and will continue to accept and handle waste and recycling through their "One Bin-All In" program. If your community has scaled back on separated recycling collection, please know that those materials are continuing to be recycled at Coastal Resources.

As you know, concerns regarding worker safety and preventing exposure to the novel coronavirus led the facility to temporarily shutdown in March. Solid waste and recycling are considered essential services and plant workers need to be on-site, the time was needed to assess safety concerns, acquire appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE,) and instruct employees in CDC and OSHA recommendations for social distancing and enhanced safety procedures.

We are fortunate that at time of printing, there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 at the plant. Together with Coastal Resources, we remain vigilant in the health and safety of the plant workers.

We appreciate your understanding as we all work to navigate the necessities of the new environment in which we all find ourselves while trying to maintain everyone's health and safety. **Most importantly, we wish to thank all of the plant workers who are the front lines of providing this essential service!**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

*In accordance with the guidelines from the US Centers for Disease Control, the MRC is conducting its April Regular Board Meeting virtually through Zoom. Please email [jpottle@cesincusa.com](mailto:jpottle@cesincusa.com) for a link to the meeting. We are also endeavoring to have the meeting on Facebook Live.*

**April 22, 2020**

**9:00 AM | Finance Committee**

**10:00 AM | Board of Directors Meeting**

Zoom (email [jpottle@cesincusa.com](mailto:jpottle@cesincusa.com) for a link to watch)

## 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.

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