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Fryeburg partners with ecomaine on new recycling, waste-to-energy program

FRYEBURG, Maine (September 28, 2016) – ecomaine, Maine’s pioneer of single-sort recycling, is now processing the single-sort recyclables and trash generated by Fryeburg residents. That means the town and schools can also take advantage of ecomaine’s education and outreach programming to increase recycling rates – beginning with the New Recycling Program Kick-off event Saturday, October 1 at the Fryeburg Transfer Station at 2025 Maine Street / Route 5.

Fryeburg’s trash will now be combusted at ecomaine’s waste-to-energy facility in Portland. That means the town’s trash is reduced by 90 percent of its original volume into stabilized ash, using an ISO 14001-certified pollution control system during the burning process. Fryeburg’s trash is also serving as fuel for a steam turbine generator that annually powers up to 15,000 homes and ecomaine’s recycling and waste-to-energy operations. Fryeburg will also have opportunity to take advantage of ecomaine’s new food waste recovery program to further reduce waste.

The first 100 people to stop by the Fryeburg Transfer Station between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday, October 1 will receive a free ecomaine recycling bin. Attendees will also have the option to enter drawings for kitchen countertop food waste collection bins and “I’m an ecomaineiac” t-shirts made from recycled PET plastic bottles. Answers to your questions about what can and can’t be recycled as well as ecomaine’s waste-to-energy process will also be readily available.

“We have been impressed by Fryeburg’s historic commitment to recycling right and to reducing the amount of waste generated in the town, and look forward to partnering with the community on continued waste-reduction efforts,” said Kevin Roche, Chief Executive Officer of ecomaine.

As a member community of ecomaine, Fryeburg schools are eligible to apply for up to a \$5,000 grant through ecomaine’s annual School Recycling Grants program. The deadline for entries is Oct. 13, 2016 and more information is available at ecomaine.org at [this link](#). Through ecomaine’s robust education and outreach support, schools can take advantage of the grants to implement school recycling or food waste recovery programs, or to even offset bussing fees to tour ecomaine’s facilities in Portland.

We look forward to seeing you on October 1!

About ecomaine:

ecomaine is the provider of solid waste and recycling services to 57 communities in Maine and New Hampshire. We are a non-profit, community-owned organization, owned and operated by 20 municipalities in Maine. Learn more at ecomaine.org.