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**ecomaine welcomes back**  
Chebeague Island as a member community

CHEBEAGUE ISLAND, Maine (June 14, 2016) – Are paper coffee cups recyclable? How about pellet bags with the recycling arrows on the bottom? And what about Styrofoam containers with a #6 on them, those must be recyclable, right? What does recycling and trash processing cost our town, anyhow?

These and your other recycling questions will be answered by knowledgeable staff members of ecomaine during Chebeague Island’s Community Recycling Kick-off Event on Saturday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the island’s transfer station. All Chebeague Island residents – year-round and seasonal residents alike – are invited to the event, where you can obtain your free recycling bin and partake in eco-minded activities for kids.

ecomaine was pleased to welcome back Chebeague Island to the ecomaine family when the island’s five-year municipal solid waste (MSW) and recycling contract with ecomaine began in April. Chebeague Island was a member of ecomaine in the past.

“We are pleased that Chebeague Island continues to appreciate the education and waste-reduction support that ecomaine has to offer and can re-introduce our support back into the community,” said Kevin Roche, Chief Executive Officer of ecomaine.

Troiano Waste Services is providing the hauling services and has installed four brand new 40-yard open-top roll-off containers to spruce up the transfer station. The island has 350 year round residents and the population swells to 2,000 in the Summer. The island generates approximately 300 tons of municipal solid waste and 55 tons of Single Sort Recycling per year.

The small school on the island is already almost at Zero waste, but Laura Summa, a school employee and the head of the islands Recycling Committee, is already gearing up to involve ecomaine support in the schools.

Please join us on June 18th!

**About ecomaine:**  
ecomaine is the provider of solid waste and recycling services to 55 communities in Maine and New Hampshire. We are a non-profit, tax-exempt municipal organization, owned and operated by 20 municipalities in Maine. Learn more at [ecomaine.org](http://ecomaine.org).

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