

Recycling Incentives Glossary

Municipalities implement various policies and procedures to incentivize residents and businesses to divert more waste from the municipal solid waste stream. Many of these incentives have been proven to increase recycling rates and reduce costs to municipalities.

Incentive	Description
Recycling with ecomaine	Member community hauls their recycling to ecomaine
Municipal Solid Waste with ecomaine	Member community hauls their municipal solid waste to ecomaine
Curbside Recycling	Residential recycling is collected at the curb in a bin or cart.
Curbside MSW	Residential trash is collected at the curb in a bin or cart.
Mandated Recycling Ordinance	Residents of municipality to recycle all materials that are recyclable which are generated in their home.
Pay per Bag/ Pay as you throw	Residents must purchase city-specific trash bags in which they are required to dispose of waste.
Organics Recycling Solutions	Town facilitates the collection of or location to dispose of organic waste such as yard waste.
Food Waste Recycling Solutions	Town facilitates the collection of or location to dispose of food waste such as vegetable scraps, eggshells, rotten fruit, etc.
Plastic and/or paper bag fee or ban	An ordinance that imposes a fee on plastic and/or paper bags at the point of sale in a business or bans them all together.
Polystyrene(styrofoam) ban	An ordinance that imposes a ban on polystyrene (styrofoam) products.
Swap shop	A space where residents can bring various household articles to donate or “shop” for free.

Do you see a recycling incentive missing from the list? Contact us at info@ecomaine.org to provide your recommendations on how we can improve this list.