



Tour Information

*Thank you for your interest in **ecomaine**!*

We are excited to provide tours of our facilities and look forward to answering all your questions!

Tours of ecomaine's three facilities - Waste to Energy, Recycling Center, and Landfill - are available to the public (individuals and groups) at no charge. To schedule an appointment, contact ecomaine at 207-773-1738 at least three weeks in advance.

Waste To Energy (WTE)–

- ❖ **When:** Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.
- ❖ **Who:** Participants must be in the seventh grade or above to participate.
- ❖ **Note:** Prior to touring WTE, the parents/guardians of participants aged 17 or younger must receive an "air quality notice" (§590-F Safety precautions for children touring incinerator facilities); **ecomaine** will send this notice to the school superintendant or tour organizer for their distribution. Tour organizers will be asked to sign a form certifying that the air quality notice was provided to a parent or guardian of each student present for the tour.

It is recommended that the air quality notice be copied onto or attached to permission slips sent to parents/guardians. Although **ecomaine** does not require this notice be returned, it will provide the school with documentation that each parent or guardian received the information.

Recycling Center –

- ❖ **When:** Monday through Friday from 7:30AM to 4:00PM. Normally, operation stops at 9:00-9:30AM; 12:00PM-12:30PM and 2:00PM-2:30PM. for employee breaks.
- ❖ **Who:** Participants must be in the second grade or above.

Landfill –

- ❖ **When:** Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. Weather permitting.
- ❖ **Who:** All ages are welcome with adult supervision.

Mobility:

Although everyone is welcome to visit **ecomaine**, our WTE and Recycling facilities are industrial operations with steep stairs, elevated walkways, and open-grate flooring. For those with restricted mobility, **ecomaine** can provide informational presentations and video tours on-site in our large ground floor meeting room. (These interactive presentations are available to all our guests upon request and at no cost.)

Safety:

- All three **ecomaine** facilities are industrial settings and there are inherent risks associated with them. Please contact Mark Dolloff, Safety Coordinator, at 207-773-1738 if you have any questions regarding potential risks.

- Hard hats and safety glasses are required and will be provided to all participants touring the Waste to Energy and Recycling facilities (not required at Landfill). Ear plugs and breathing masks are not required but will be made available to anyone upon request.
- **No one wearing open toed shoes will be allowed to tour any of the ecomaine facilities.** *This means **No flip flops, open toed sandals or the like.** You must wear appropriate foot wear or you will not be allowed to tour the facility.*
- In the unlikely need of an evacuation, it is necessary that you are physically capable of handling many steps and can reach exits quickly on your own. If for any reason you are unable to tour our facility a video tour/presentation will be provided, as described above (*Mobility*).

Group Sizes & Chaperones:

- There is a limit of 10 individuals with each tour guide.
- We request one chaperone per 10 children between the ages of 12-18. Younger students should be accompanied by one chaperone for every five children.
- Please discuss the tour schedule with your **ecomaine** tour organizer to determine the time necessary for the size of your group.

Special Considerations:

- Due to **ecomaine**'s annual maintenance shutdown, tours are generally not available from mid-March through Mid-May each year.
- Due to the noise level, it is not recommended that individuals who have a fear of loud noises participate in a tour of the recycling center.
- Recycling facility tours include several elevated walkways and many stairs (76 stairs to be exact).

What to Bring:

- Organizers should bring a list of all attendees. Please ensure that this list is current and accurate with the name of EVERY person present for the tour. If someone is unable to attend the tour on short notice but is listed, please notify the tour guide upon your arrival.
- **During the winter season, please wear mittens and warm shoes/boots as some facilities are not heated. You will thank us later!**
- Cameras are welcome at all three facilities.

We do everything possible to accommodate scheduled tours however; circumstances beyond our control may necessitate short notice of a scheduled tour change.