

Attention Parsonsfield residents,

We had a very informative meeting recently with representatives from Ecomaine about the future of recycling in the town of Parsonsfield. Ecomaine has posted a few times about what is acceptable and what isn't acceptable, but things have not improved at our end, and the recycling facility is starting to take notice. The town of Parsonsfield pays a penalty for each load of recycling that is contaminated, as much as \$75 (per ton!) and of course, this charge is passed along to the taxpayers. So you may be thinking you're doing a wonderful job of recycling when in reality you're just raising your own taxes!

Starting on March 15th, Mellen and Son Disposal will be leaving recycling that is "contaminated" in order to help spread knowledge and clear up any confusion on what can and cannot be recycled. They will be leaving notices on any and all bins that are not taken. On each of these notices they will highlight the reason why they are not accepting said materials. We understand that lots of recycling will be left as we try and implement these new strict standards, but all parties involved believe this will be the best way to educate citizens. These new standards will bring the towns recycling to an acceptable rate where the recycling facility is not burdened with excess processing and in turn will not need to penalize the town of Parsonsfield.

Again, it will be business as usual these next few weeks, but do not be surprised if recycling is left on your curb come March 15th. Any questions or concerns you can contact the town offices or Ecomaine, directly.