

Pequannock



Environmental Commission

STYROFOAM

COLLECTION DRIVE

PV Park (Marvin Rd)

Saturday, January 13, 2024

10:00a.m.–1:00pm

(or until we're full!)

WHY ARE WE COLLECTING AND RECYCLING STYROFOAM?

- Expanded Polystyrene (“EPS,” also known as Styrofoam) is a type of plastic that is widely used because it is cheap, light weight, and has good insulating and cushioning properties.
- However, polystyrene is a neurotoxin and suspected carcinogen that, once in the environment, divides into ever smaller pieces and particles, but may never decompose.
- While the best practice is to avoid products that contain or are packaged in Styrofoam, that can be difficult. **This program is designed to help keep polystyrene out of our environment!**

HOW THE PROGRAM WILL WORK:

Start saving Styrofoam that you get as packing material in packages and holiday gifts.

Acceptable items must be:

- Styrofoam that is pure white, clean, and at least 3 inches big
- Examples of acceptable items:
 - Packaging forms
 - Coolers
 - Insulating boards (unfoiled)

Unacceptable items include:

- Packing “Peanuts” or “Popcorn”
- Food containers: coffee cups, egg cartons, take-out cartons
- Composites with a Styrofoam layer glued to something else
- Styrofoam that’s colored, has colored specks or ink/writing
- Any other type of plastic foam

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 2023: take *unbagged items* to PV Park in the back of your vehicle.

- Stay in your vehicle!
- Staff will take acceptable items, process them, and transport them to a nearby industry that will recycle the collected items into other products such as construction materials.
- Program open to Pequannock homeowners only. We cannot accept commercial waste.

This is our third annual StyroFoam drive!

Thank you for participating!

QUESTIONS?

Email the Pequannock Environmental Commission: ptec@peqtwp.org

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ABOUT ACCEPTABLE / UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

What is “Expanded Poly Styrene” (EPS) Styrofoam?

EPS is RIGID, *not* squishy like a sponge or flexible like rolled padding!

EPS is comprised of small “beads” that flake off when scratched or broken.

What types of EPS Styrofoam items are ACCEPTABLE to recycle in this program?

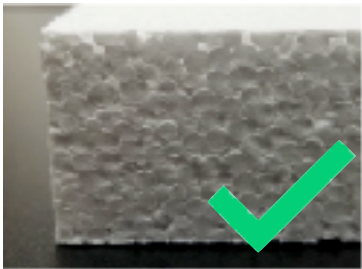
ACCEPTABLE EPS is PURE WHITE, *without colors, specks, or ink/writing*

NEW & CLEAN, like packing forms, coolers, and insulation boards

LARGER than 3” in size - NO packing peanuts/popcorn (too small)

NO USED FOOD CONTAINERS - NO used cups, clam shells or egg cartons

UNIFORM, not layered/glued to other materials.



Expanded Polystyrene “EPS”



Packing Forms



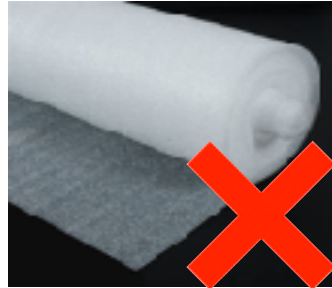
Coolers



Insulation Boards



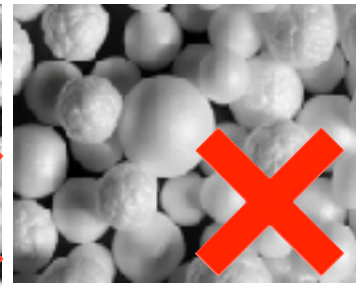
Spongy (Not EPS)



Flexible (Not EPS)



Peanuts (too small)



Popcorn (too small)



Colored



Speckles



Dirty/Contaminated



Layered (Foil)



Used Food Containers (cups, clamshells, cartons)



Layered/Glued (particle board)

NOTE: UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE