

Pequannock



Environmental Commission

STYROFOAM

COLLECTION DRIVE

PV Park (Marvin Rd)
Saturday, January 8, 2022
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. 8, 2022: 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.

If this pilot program is successful, we hope to hold more drives in the future. Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

Email the Pequannock Environmental Commission: ptec@peqtwp.org

or visit our website: <https://www.peqtwp.org/241/Environmental-Commission>

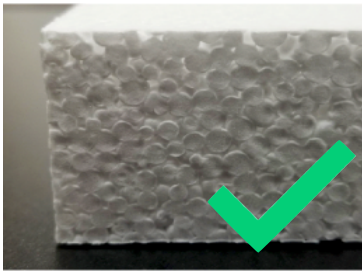
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ABOUT ACCEPTABLE / UNACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

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?

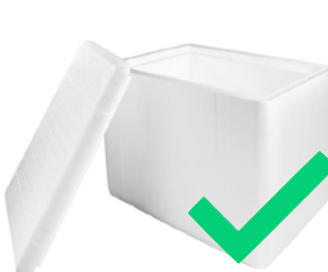
ACCEPTABLE EPS is PURE WHITE, *without colors, specks, or ink/writing*
NEW & CLEAN, like packing forms, coolers, and insulation boards
LARGER than 3” in size - NO packing peanuts/popcorn (too small)
NOT FOOD CONTAINERS - NO cups, shells or egg cartons
UNIFORM, not layered/glued to other materials.



Expanded Polystyrene “EPS”



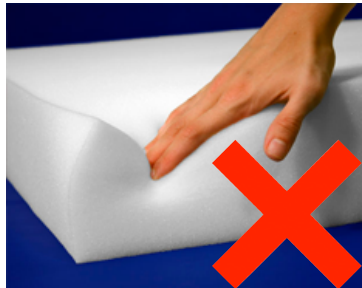
Packing Forms



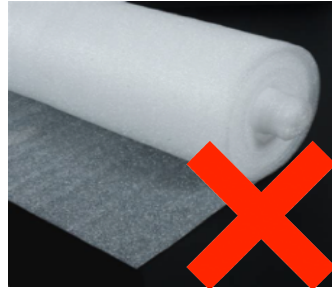
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Insulation Boards



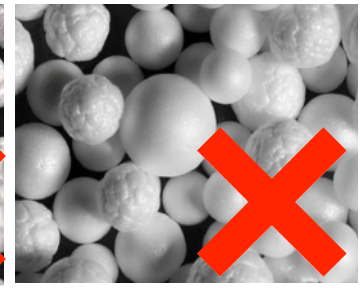
Spongy (Not EPS)



Flexible (Not EPS)



Peanuts (too small)



Popcorn (too small)



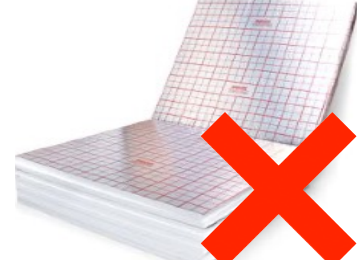
Colored



Spongy (Not EPS)



Dirty/Contaminated



Layered (Foil)



Food Container (cup)



Food Container (carton)



Food Container (egg carton).



Layered/Glued (particle board)

NOTE: UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS WILL REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE