

Polystyrene and Packing Peanuts

Your Guide for Safe Disposal and Recycling in Calumet County

Can Styrofoam be recycled?

Polystyrene, or Styrofoam, is a material made by stringing together the monomer, styrene. The more common daily uses for Styrofoam is as foodservice products or as packaging.

Polystyrene is also a great insulator for coolers and appliances.



There are very few recycling programs capable of recycling polystyrene so although they are banned for disposal they are still allowed in landfills.

Polystyrene can be dangerous for both humans and animals. Animals will often mistake polystyrene for food and try to eat it. Also the styrene monomer has been linked to cancer and nervous system problems. Polystyrene is also not biodegradable and burning it gives off styrene gas which is very dangerous.

Recycling Locations

Atlas Molded Products

90 Trowbridge Dr
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
(920)924-4042

www.atlasmoldedproducts.com

They will accept polystyrene that is white, clean, and dry. They will **not** take packing peanuts.

Outagamie Recycling and Solid Waste

1919 Holland Road,
Appleton, WI
(920)832-5277

www.recyclomoreoutagamie.org/



Community Recycling in Calumet County

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