

DID YOU KNOW?

Styrofoam™ is made up of expanded polystyrene, a naturally transparent thermoplastic. Products containing expanded polystyrene can be identified with the number "6" on the bottom.



ALTERNATIVES TO EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD PACKAGING



The City of Monrovia has over 150 food services establishments and Styrofoam™ is one of the most commonly used packaging material for take-out containers, bowls, plates, hot cups, and other food and beverage storage items. However, the material cannot be recycled, resulting in more harmful waste in our environment.

Expanded polystyrene food packaging is not biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable. It makes-up almost

80% OF LITTER

FOUND IN OUR BODIES OF WATER WORLDWIDE.



165,000 TONS of expanded polystyrene is used each year for packaging and food service purposes alone with no meaningful recycling.

Due to its inability to decompose, expanded polystyrene waste is consuming an ever increasing amount of space within landfills.

Expanded polystyrene ends up as litter in our open spaces and bodies of water, and breaks down into small toxic pieces that our wildlife consume.

With over 150 restaurants in Monrovia, we can collectively make a significant contribution to preserve our streets and open spaces by switching to alternative food packaging products.

Expanded polystyrene is

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE POLYSTYRENE USE?



As a resident, avoid buying any product that is marked with the number "6" recycling number.

As business owners, contact your food packaging distributor about alternatives to expanded polystyrene food packaging, and consider switching to the following:

- aluminum
- coated & uncoated paper
- any other plastic besides expanded polystyrene

RESOURCES FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE FOOD PACKAGING:

American Paper & Plastics Inc. | www.appinc.com
Cater Green | www.catergreen.com
Goldberg and Solovy Foods, Inc. | www.gsfoods.com

Enviroware | www.enviroware.org
Greengood/Eco-tech | www.greengood.com
Pak West Paper | www.pakwest.com

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