



**Together  
we're keeping  
expanded  
polystyrene  
packaging  
out of the  
garbage**

## Recycling expanded polystyrene packaging

Rules are in place to encourage residents and businesses in Metro Vancouver to recycle expanded polystyrene packaging.

Surcharges apply to loads of garbage brought to regional disposal facilities that contain over 20% expanded polystyrene packaging.

## What expanded polystyrene packaging is banned from disposal?

- White expanded polystyrene (commonly referred to as Styrofoam™) used for protecting and distributing products
- Excludes food and beverage containers and packing peanuts
- Excludes expanded polystyrene that is painted, soiled or treated

## Why recycle expanded polystyrene?

Expanded polystyrene can be reused by local manufacturing companies, or recycled into products like picture frames, crown moulding and fences. Local recycling options exist for both residentially and commercially generated expanded polystyrene.

Residents can drop off expanded polystyrene free of charge at specific recycling depots, and businesses can send expanded polystyrene for recycling at local facilities for a fee.

To find a drop-off location or facility near you, visit [metrovancoverrecycles.org](https://metrovancoverrecycles.org)

## For more information on expanded polystyrene recycling

Call the Recycling Hotline at 604-681-5600