



Styrofoam Recycling Event **Saturday, September 18th – 9 AM to noon** **Ipswich High School – 134 High Street**

Mark your calendars: The Ipswich Waste Reduction Committee will be having a Styrofoam Recycling Event on Saturday, September 18th, from 9 AM to noon at Ipswich High School (134 High Street).

Please note that we have a vendor who will be collecting only **WHITE STYROFOAM** (polystyrene). **Please remove all tape and stickers.**

WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED

Bulk Packing Blocks
White Medical Shipping Cubes
White Coolers (remove any residue)
Fish Boxes (remove any residue)

WHAT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED

Packing Peanuts
Food Containers
Any Colors Other than White
Soft (squishy) Foam
Dirty or Contaminated

The Styrofoam collection is free for residents, but the Waste Reduction Committee will pay \$950 to have the foam trucked away to remove it from our town's trash and to avoid potential litter.

Polystyrene foam, a non-renewable resource, is made from petroleum products, breaks up into hard-to-capture small pieces of litter on land and in waterways and will never biodegrade. Like other forms of plastic in the marine environment, polystyrene breaks down into smaller and smaller particles, which can absorb toxic chemicals, become airborne, and be ingested by wildlife.

Within Massachusetts, 49 cities and towns across 11 counties have already banned some form of polystyrene. Ipswich banned polystyrene takeout containers in 2017.

Please do ALL you can to AVOID using this foam.

- Steer clear of Styrofoam float toys and coolers.
- Reject the use of Styrofoam for craft projects.
- Email companies that use Styrofoam peanuts and packaging and ask them to use alternative materials.
- Speak with grocery store managers and ask them to sell foods that are not packaged in polystyrene.

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