

What You Can Do?

Recycle your EPS Styrofoam packaging.

Ban Styrofoam food containers:

- * Sign these Bergen County and NJ State petitions: njlcv.org/plastic
- * Call the Bergen County Executive and Freeholders:
Bergen County Executive
201-336-7300
Bergen County Freeholders
201-336-6200
- * Ask your town to ban Styrofoam food containers.



Secret Hazards of Styrofoam

Health Hazards

- * Styrofoam contains a neurotoxin, styrene, which leaches into your food and drinks. When you eat and drink from Styrofoam food containers, you're also eating neurotoxins.
- * Styrene causes cancer in laboratory animals and is "Reasonably Anticipated to Be Carcinogenic" to humans.
- * 100% of all human fat tissue samples contain styrene residue.

Environmental Hazards

- * Styrofoam manufacturing is the 5th largest producer of hazardous waste in America.
- * Styrofoam manufacturing creates tropospheric ozone, a serious air pollutant.
- * In the US, Styrofoam is made from hydro fracked natural gas. Buying and selling Styrofoam financially supports the fracking industry.

Not Recyclable

- * Styrofoam food containers are not recycled and don't decompose.
- * In the US, 73 billion Styrofoam cups and plates are thrown into landfill every year.
- * Americans spend \$55 million a year to dump Styrofoam in landfill.

Kills Fish & Wildlife

- * 38% of Hackensack River's plastic pollution is Styrofoam.
- * Styrofoam and plastics are the largest source of marine litter and debris. Cleaning up the Hudson-Raritan Estuary costs \$59,063,285 million dollars every year.
- * When fish and wildlife eat small pieces of Styrofoam, it can kill them.

BERGEN COUNTY STYROFOAM-FREE



An Initiative of the
Sustainable Jersey Bergen County Hub

WHAT IS STYROFOAM?

XPS Styrofoam

XPS Styrofoam is used for single-use, disposable food ware, and is not recycled. XPS Styrofoam is also hazardous to human health due to neurotoxins and likely carcinogens leaching into food and drink.

BAN XPS

Over 100 towns, cities and counties in the US have passed ordinances banning or restricting Styrofoam food ware. The Bergen County Hub Styrofoam Committee has started a petition asking Bergen County to ban Styrofoam food containers.

[Sign our petition online](#)



Styrofoam-Free Business Awards



Styrofoam-Free businesses and organizations that don't buy or sell XPS Styrofoam food containers are eligible to receive an award.

Styrofoam (Expanded Polystyrene Foam) is a petroleum-based plastic material. It is used for disposable coffee cups, plates, trays, coolers, packaging material, and building insulation.



About Us

The Sustainable Jersey Bergen County Hub is educating and raising awareness of the hazards of XPS Styrofoam and the need to recycle EPS Styrofoam. The program runs from November 2018 - April 2020 and includes four parts:

Education: Science of Styrofoam

Incentives: Styrofoam-Free business awards

Recycling: EPS Styrofoam collection drives

Policy: encouraging local, county and state officials to ban Styrofoam food containers and recycle EPS Styrofoam

Please contact us at SJBergenHub@gmail.com

EPS Styrofoam

EPS is readily recyclable, however, most of the EPS in Bergen County ends up in landfill. Bergen County needs recycling equipment and facilities so we can recycle locally.

RECYCLE EPS

These Bergen County towns will hold EPS Recycling Drives in 2019. Find the drive nearest you!

Ridgewood	Glen Rock
Leonia	Hawthorne
Oradell	Hillsdale
Fair Lawn	Oakland
Ridgefield Park	

