



FACTS ABOUT EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM (EPS)



Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups. Even 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill.

EPS AND YOUR HEALTH

EPS is made using the monomer, Styrene, a lab animal carcinogen and a possible human carcinogen and neurotoxin. Styrene can migrate from polystyrene containers into food and beverages when heated, or in contact with fatty or acidic foods. Occupational exposure to Styrene increases risk of lymphoma, leukemia, lung tumors, pancreatic cancer, urinary bladder cancer, prostate cancer, and colorectal cancer. High rates of neurotoxicological effects have been reported, including slowed reaction time, effects on balance and spatial orientation, hearing problems and concentration problems. Some studies also show significant decrease in sperm count and increased sperm abnormality.



EPS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

EPS foam appears to last forever, as it is resistant to photolysis, or the breaking down of materials by photons originating from a light source. This, combined with the fact that the foam is lightweight and therefore floats, means that over time a great deal of polystyrene has accumulated along coasts and waterways around the world. It is now thought to be the main component of marine debris. Also, It is considered non-sustainable, an air pollutant and food contaminant.

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INVITE YOU TO



BE A LEADER

Choose to go Styro-free and be a leader in responsible and sustainable restaurant practices. Not sure where to start? The Girls Gone Green has your back and we will help you transition from non-biodegradable foam containers to eco-friendly, cost-effective replacements. The health of the planet and your customers will thank you. It's a great time to HANG UP THE FOAM!



HANG UP THE FOAM

OUR MISSION

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam is unhealthy, unsafe, and one of the largest non-recyclable waste products in landfills today.

Hang Up the Foam's mission is to encourage the use of eco-friendly alternatives to EPS in the food industry, starting with Jacksonville beaches. Our goal is to reduce human health risks, protect our wildlife, clean our beaches, and ultimately eliminate the use of foam in the boxing, preparing, and serving of food.

OUR GOAL

The Girls Gone Green is hoping to see a conscious shift towards sustainability in restaurants by becoming responsible for their communities. Given the large amount of eco-friendly options for disposable containers we encourage choices that eliminate health risks while at the same time protect our wildlife and beaches.

We are reaching out to the restaurant industry to work towards eliminating EPS foam due to its high probability of leaking known carcinogens into the food.

Also, since the beaches are especially vulnerable to foam's impacts we are focusing on restaurants in close proximity including Jacksonville Beach, Neptune Beach, Atlantic Beach and Ponte Vedra Beach. Other cities have banned EPS foam, let's get these areas on that list!

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

The Girls Gone Green will do the leg work by comparing prices for eco-friendly to-go containers and finding you the most cost effective solution. We will talk to restaurant owners who have done away with EPS foam and help you implement their business practices. We will help you protect your bottom line and the environment.

Foam to-go products are pervasive in the marine environment and marine animals mistake it for food.



WHAT WE'LL DO

PROMOTE YOUR EFFORTS ON THE GIRLS GONE GREEN WEBSITE

PROMOTE IN OUR NEWSLETTER AND SOCIAL MEDIA

RUN ADS IN LOCAL MEDIA

AWARD YOUR RESTAURANT THE GGG HANG UP THE FOAM PARTICIPATION STICKER AND INCLUDE YOUR RESTAURANT IN CAMPAIGN PRESS RELEASES



"One product that is virtually impossible to recycle and never biodegrades, is Styrofoam. Something that we know is environmentally destructive and that may be hazardous to our health, that is costing Taxpayers money and that we can easily do without, and is something that should go the way of lead paint." Bloomberg

