



Green Care: Myth & Truth about Dart Foam Cups

Myth: *Foam cups and containers are filling up our landfills!*

Truth: **Both foam and non-foam polystyrene cups and containers account for less than 1% by weight and volume of the municipal solid waste stream.**

Myth: *Because plastic-lined paper cups and containers are made from 'trees' they are recycled.*

Truth: **Plastic-lined paper cups and containers are not recycled due to their multi-material composition.**

Myth: *Foam cups and containers are not recyclable.*

Truth: **Foam cups and containers can be recycled and are currently being recycled in select locations.**




Myth: *Paper cups biodegrade in landfill sites.*

Truth: **Because most paper cups are coated with wax, polyethylene, or other non-biodegradable materials, they do not biodegrade in a meaningful way!**

Myth: *Paper cups require less energy to make than polystyrene foam cups.*

Truth: **An average-weight plastic lined paper hot beverage cup with a corrugated cup sleeve requires about 50% more energy to produce than an average-weight polystyrene hot beverage cup.**

This drive for efficiency occurs within the context of Dart's balanced strategy for caring for our environment. Our three-faceted environmental strategy includes ongoing efforts to:

-  maximize efficiency in the materials and processes we use
-  promote the environmental attributes of Dart's products
-  research and develop new materials, products, and technologies that further reduce our energy usage and carbon footprint, promote recycling through the use of recycled content, or utilize renewable resources

Through this balanced approach, Dart will continue to exercise effective environmental stewardship in pursuit of a sustainable future.

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