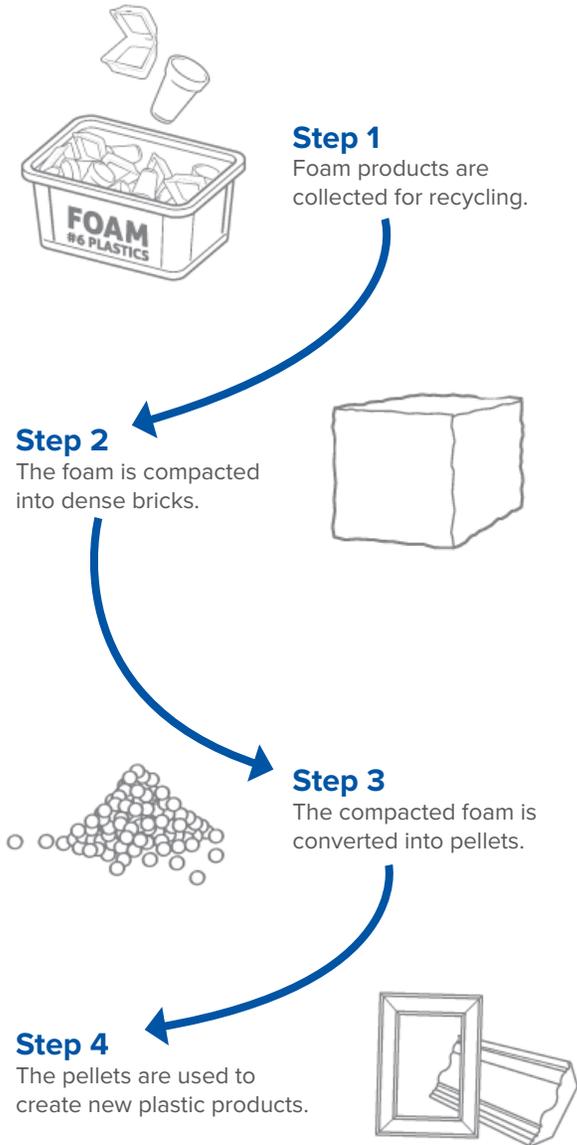
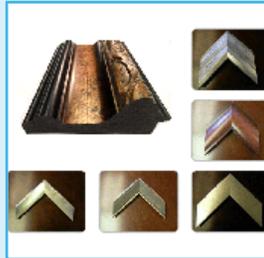


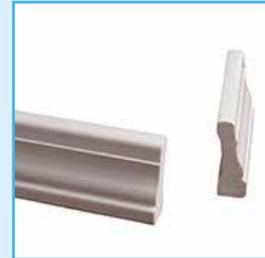
Steps for Recycling Foam #6



Products Made from Recycled Foam #6



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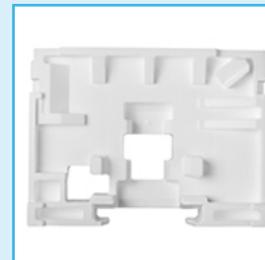
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Dart Recycling Programs

CARE Program (www.dart.biz/care)

To make recycling foam foodservice products easier for our customers, Dart offers the CARE (Cups Are REcyclable) Program. The CARE Program helps large users of foam foodservice products separate the foam from other products, consolidate the collected material, and arrange to have it recycled. Recycled foam foodservice products can be reprocessed into building insulation, plastic lumber, and many other products.

The Dart densifier can compress 8,000 eight-ounce foam cups into a cylinder 15" tall and 15" in diameter.



Recycla-Pak (www.recycla-pak.com)

The Dart Recycla-Pak program is an easy way for any business to recycle their foam cups. Simply purchase a specially designed Recycla-Pak corrugated collection bin and you can start recycling foam cups.

The Recycla-Pak collection bin doubles as the shipping carton used to return the collected cups for recycling at a Dart or industry recycling facility. The bin will be shipped to you flat and, after a

simple assembly, you are ready to begin collecting used foam cups for recycling. During use, a cardboard divider in the bin keeps the collected cups neatly stacked. A pre-printed shipping label attached to the bin allows for easy return of the cups for recycling, freight prepaid.



#6 Resin Identification Symbol

Developed in 1988 by SPI, a plastics industry trade association, resin identification codes (RIC) 1 through 7 indicate the materials used in plastic products. The #6 resin identification symbol identifies polystyrene (PS) or expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam. Look for the #6 symbol stamped on the bottoms of foam cups and food containers, and in inconspicuous places on foam packaging materials.

Foam #6 Recycling Facts

- Foam #6 is a thermoplastic that can be recycled over and over again.
- More than 127 million pounds of foam #6 were recycled in 2014, according to the latest EPS Recycling Report from the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers.
- Foam #6 is approximately 95% air, which makes it extremely light weight.
- A 48-foot truckload of loose foam #6 products weighs only around 1,000 pounds. Once the foam is compacted, the same truck can hold 40,000 pounds of foam.
- Assuming a \$0.20 value per pound, a truckload of densified foam is worth \$8,000.
- Foam densifiers, which are used to compact foam for recycling, cost as little as \$18,000. Learn more about foam recycling equipment.
- Some, but not all, packing peanuts are foam #6.
- Foam #6 cups do not have to be rinsed before recycling. However, foam food containers should be rinsed or wiped clean.
- To learn more about foam #6, visit FoamFacts.com

Foam cups and food service products

Foam #6 food service containers include drink cups, food trays and clamshell containers. Food service foam containers must be in recyclable condition. Coffee and soda cups do not need to be rinsed; however, containers used for food need to be wiped or rinsed.



Recycling is offered curbside in some communities. Some restaurants and other businesses collect foam cups for recycling by mail. In addition, some school districts have started recycling programs for foam #6 lunch trays and containers.

Foam packing peanuts

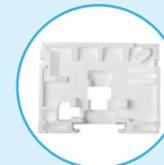
Packaging peanuts are made with a variety of materials. Some, but not all, packing peanuts carry the #6 recycling symbol. When combined with foam #6 products, non-EPS packing peanuts are a contaminant. For that reason, packing peanuts should not be commingled with other foam recycling.



The best way to recycle foam packing peanuts is to reuse them or donate them for reuse. Many local pack and ship stores gladly accept foam packing peanuts free of charge. Some cities also collect them to reuse or resell. Visit www.loosefillpackaging.com or call 800-828-2214 to look up recycling drop-off sites in your area.

Foam packaging

EPS packaging is often used to ship electronics, furniture and other fragile items – even fish. This rigid lightweight foam can be molded into any shape and offers excellent protection and insulation. Labels and tape must be removed from all foam packaging materials, as they can clog the contaminant prevention screens on extruders.



EPS can be recycled in communities that offer foam #6 recycling. Another option is to mail the lightweight materials to a regional center for recycling. Note that some foam packaging may not be accepted due to contamination, as can be the case with fish coolers.

Foam medical coolers

EPS is used in medical coolers to keep vaccines and medicines at critical temperatures as they are shipped to hospitals, clinics and physicians' offices.



Some pharmaceutical companies offer mail back programs that enable hospitals and physicians' offices to easily recycle medical coolers. In these programs, coolers are shipped along with pre-paid shipping labels for mailing the used coolers to recycling centers.

For information about recycling other types of foam products, visit earth911.com or epspackaging.org.