



Foam #6 Recycling Now Available in Howard County, MD

Residents and businesses can now help divert foam #6 cups and much more through a recycling partnership with Dart Container Corporation

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ELLICOTT CITY, MD (June 5, 2012) – The Howard County, Maryland Department of Public Works announced a partnership with Dart Container Corporation, a leading manufacturer and recycler of polystyrene foam #6 foodservice products, to collect these products at the county's Alpha Ridge Landfill Residents' Convenience Center.

Commonly referred to as "Styrofoam", a registered trademark of the Dow Chemical Company, polystyrene foam #6, is recyclable and is used in a wide range of products, from foam cups and foodservice containers, to the large molded blocks used to package electronics and other consumer goods.

The foam #6 items, accepted at the convenience center only, include white packaging, clean drinking cups and food containers, egg cartons, and clean food trays marked with a #6 in the Resin Identification Code symbol. Foam #6 items that were in contact with food or drinks should be rinsed.

"We've had great feedback from residents and businesses on the programs we have implemented in other areas in the region," said Ray Ehrlich, Dart Container Corporation Regional Manager for Government Affairs and the Environment. "It just confirms that there is a market for growing recycling options and the community wants to help divert waste from local landfills."

Plastic foam items **cannot** be placed in curbside recycling bins for collection. Plastic foam #6 products will **only** be accepted for recycling at the Landfill's Convenience Center, open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Polystyrene foam #6 that is dropped off at the Convenience Center will be picked up by Dart Container Corporation and taken to its plant in Leola, Pennsylvania at no charge. It will then be reprocessed and sold to manufacturers that make new products such as picture frames and molding, building insulation and other consumer goods.

Howard County is just one of the latest in a growing list of regions that are taking advantage of expanded foam #6 recycling options and infrastructure. Dart Container Corporation strives to collect a variety of foam products, even those that the company does not manufacture, like school lunch trays and packaging foam. Through this, and similar programs nationwide, the company is helping to raise awareness of the recyclability of #6 foam.

The Alpha Ridge Landfill is located at 2350 Marriottsville Road in Marriottsville. For a list of items collected at the Residents' Convenience Center, please visit www.howardcountymd.gov/ARLConvenienceCenter.htm. For more information on recycling in Howard County, contact the Bureau of Environmental Services at 410-313-6444 or visit them online at www.HowardCountyRecycles.org.

About Dart Container Corporation

Established in 1937, Dart Container Corporation sets the industry standard of excellence by providing high quality, recyclable, affordable and safe foodservice products and packaging, exceptionally reliable service and responsible environmental practices. Dart is making a concerted effort to increase foam recycling opportunities throughout the country and strives to produce high-quality, cost-effective products in a manner sensitive to environmental concerns. Dart is headquartered in Mason, Michigan. For more information, visit www.dart.biz/recycle or call (800) 248-5960.

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