

STYROFOAM RECYCLING SORTING GUIDE

Do you know “What Goes Where?” when it comes to recycling your Styrofoam at the Mike Mitchell Recycling Depot? Please reference the chart below to ensure only accepted items are sorted on site.



CHARACTERISTICS

- Semi-flexible
- Water resistant
- Sometimes marked with #4 symbol

EXAMPLES

- Foam roll (packaging for electronics, glass)
- Blocks (packaging/cushioning)



CHARACTERISTICS

- Rigid
- Lightweight
- Some composed of polypropylene beads
- Some marked with #5 symbol

EXAMPLES

- Block packaging



CHARACTERISTICS

- Rigid
- Lightweight
- Bulky
- Sometimes marked with #6 symbol

EXAMPLES

- Meat trays
- Block packaging from appliances/electronics



CHARACTERISTICS

- Very flexible
- Soft
- Absorbent
- Open cell foam
- Sometimes marked with #7 symbol

EXAMPLES

- Memory foam
- Spray foam

OTHER

CHARACTERISTICS

- Any EPE, EPS or EPP foam that is dirty/stained

EXAMPLES

- Packing peanuts
- Dirty meat trays
- Food take out containers
- Styrofoam cups or plates
- Paint-stained trays



ACCEPTED



NOT ACCEPTED

 **#4 EPE**
Expanded Polyethylene
(EPE)



- Glossy, semi-flexible foam blocks



- Very thin and flexible foam roll

 **#5 EPP**
Expanded Polypropylene (EPP)



- #5 Expanded Polypropylene
 - Rigid, lightweight (similar look and feel to #6 EPS)



- No recycling number
 - Made up of foam beads



- No recycling number
 - Similar look and feel to #6 EPS

 **#6 EPS**
Expanded Polystyrene
(EPS Styrofoam)



- Block packaging from appliances/electronics



- Rigid, lightweight #6 EPS foam (white and coloured)

 **#7/OTHER**
Dirty/Stained and Other
OTHER



- Memory foam
 - Soft and flexible, doesn't break or rip easily
 - Not glossy



- #7 foam roll
 - Slightly thicker than #4 roll (more squishable)
 - Different texture on backside



- Lightweight foam
 - Soft and squishable, but breaks and rips easily