

Washington State Expanded Polystyrene Ban

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023



X Packing Peanuts

Includes all loose fill expanded polystyrene packaging

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X Food Service Products



NO Clamshell Style
'To-Go' Containers



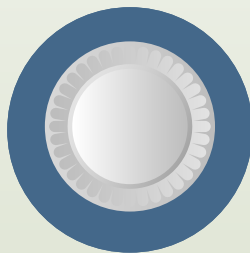
NO Trays



NO Prepackaged
Food Containers



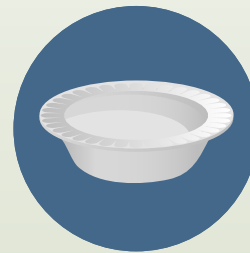
NO Coolers



NO Plates



NO Cups



NO Bowls

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Details of the Expanded Polystyrene Ban

Loose Fill Packaging Material:

- **Beginning June 1, 2023**, the sale and distribution of expanded polystyrene packing peanuts and loose fill packaging material in or into Washington state is prohibited.
- Items exempted from this law include:
 - Expanded polystyrene block or sheet packaging.
 - Compostable or non-expanded polystyrene packing peanuts.
 - Containers used for drugs, medical devices, and biological materials, or containers shipping perishable commodities from a wholesale or retail establishment.
- This law applies to any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint venture that produces, imports, distributes, or sells one of the banned products.
- Existing stock of banned expanded polystyrene products cannot be used up after the law is in effect.

Food Service Items:

- **Beginning June 1, 2024**, the sale and distribution of expanded polystyrene food service products and portable coolers in or into Washington state is prohibited.
- Expanded polystyrene food service products include: food containers, plates, clamshell-style containers, hot and cold beverage cups, and portable coolers.
- Items exempted from this law include:
 - Packaging for raw, uncooked, or butchered meat, fish, poultry, or seafood, vegetables, fruit, or egg cartons.
 - Containers used for drugs, medical devices, and biological materials, or containers shipping perishable commodities from a wholesale or retail establishment.
 - Hard plastic food service containers made of polystyrene (#6) that are not foam.
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Questions?

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Help your customers
protect the environment
and reduce litter.
Encourage reusable
options.



reusable to-go containers



reusable
utensils



reusable coffee mugs
and water bottles

Visit the WA Ecology website to learn about alternatives to expanded polystyrene products and regulations on how customers can safely use their own containers.