

# THE WHAT, WHERE, WHY & HOW OF FOAM RECYCLING

## WHAT is polystyrene foam?

Foam is a **durable** and **low cost** material often used for foodservice products.



Look for the **#6** chasing arrows.



Foam is a **thermoplastic** that can be **recycled**.

## WHERE can you recycle foam?

### Access to Foam Recycling in North America

**173** LOCATIONS IN CANADA



**351** LOCATIONS IN THE U.S.



■ Curbside: Foodservice Products

■ Curbside: Transportation Packaging

■ Curbside: Both

■ Drop-off: Foodservice Products

■ Drop-off: Transportation Packaging

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## WHY should you recycle foam?

### The Top 6 Reasons to Recycle Foam #6

1



Reduce solid waste

2



Decrease our dependency on virgin resources

3



Prevent pollution

4



Save energy

5



Protect the Earth's atmosphere

6



Demonstrate sustainability

## HOW is foam recycled?

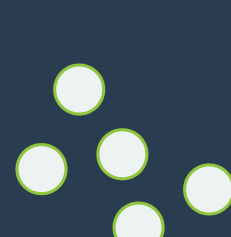
The process is simple.



Step 1: Foam products are collected for recycling.



Step 2: The foam is compacted into dense bricks.



Step 3: The compacted foam is converted into pellets.



Step 4: The pellets are used to create new plastic products.



For every job collecting recyclables, there are **26 jobs** in processing the materials and manufacturing them into new products.\*



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