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Madison County Landfill Celebrates Earth Day with Styrofoam Collection Pilot Project

Earth Day is April 22!! Residents will be able to bring Styrofoam to any residential transfer station in Madison County from April 22 through April 30th.

This special Earth Day collection of Styrofoam is part of a six month pilot project started by the Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste in December, 2015. "We have collected over 800 pounds of Styrofoam in two months to be recycled," said Mary Bartlett Recycling Coordinator. "Having this collection at all the transfer stations will make recycling Styrofoam more convenient for residents throughout Madison County."

Residential transfer stations collecting Styrofoam include the main landfill transfer station on Buyea Rd, Cazenovia Transfer Station on Constine Bridge Rd., Hamilton Transfer Station on Cranston Rd. and Sullivan Transfer Station on Bolivar Rd. in Chittenango.

Residents wishing to recycle their Expanded Poly Styrene (EPS) foam #6 - commonly called 'Styrofoam' should bring it in clear plastic bags with all tape and labels removed.

Acceptable Styrofoam must be **WHITE** and clean with all tape and labels removed. Items can include packaging foam and clean egg cartons, foam cups (rinsed) and clean take out containers.

Please Note: Packing peanuts, soiled containers, colored Styrofoam and packing made of materials other than Styrofoam are NOT ACCEPTED.

It takes 50 years for EPS foam to break down, but since polystyrene is not biodegradable, it never really leaves the environment. "That's why we have been working diligently to find a practical way to recycle Styrofoam," said James Zecca, Director of the Dept. of Solid Waste.

EPS foam breaks into small pieces, and like plastic will cause problems in the digestive tracks of animals unlucky enough to ingest it. Foam is lightweight, yet bulky, especially packaging foam and takes up a lot of space in our landfills.

"Styrofoam is quite valuable when properly prepared for recycling, yet difficult since it needs to be densified for shipping to a qualified recycler," added Zecca.

The County has an outlet for Styrofoam for the next six months while the pilot is underway. In June, 2016 the Dept. of Solid Waste staff will decide about the future of Styrofoam recycling in

Madison County.

“We want to see how much foam there is in the waste stream and whether it makes sense to invest in a densifier of our own.” added Bartlett.

For more information contact Mary Bartlett, Recycling Coordinator, Madison County Dept. of Solid Waste 1-800-721-2208.



Cutline – Styrofoam properly prepared for recycling in the Madison County Styrofoam Recycling pilot program.

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