

Washington State Expanded Polystyrene Ban

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023



Packing Peanuts

Includes all loose fill expanded polystyrene packaging

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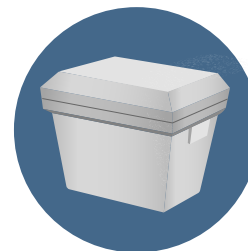
Food Service Products



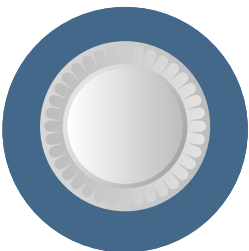
NO Clamshell Style
'To-Go' Containers



NO Trays



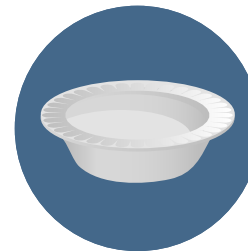
NO Coolers



NO Plates



NO Cups



NO Bowls

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Details of the Expanded Polystyrene Ban

This law applies to any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation, governmental entity, organization, or joint venture that produces, imports, distributes, or sells any of the banned products.

Existing stock of banned expanded polystyrene products cannot be used up after the law is in effect.

Loose Fill Packaging Material:

- **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 not covered by this ban include:
 - Expanded polystyrene block or sheet packaging.
 - Compostable or non-expanded polystyrene packing peanuts.

Food Service Items:

- **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: plates, trays, cups, bowls, clamshell-style containers, and portable coolers.
- Items not covered by this ban 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
 - Prepackaged food items, such as noodle cups.

Questions?

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



reusable to-go containers



reusable mugs and
bottles

Visit the WA Ecology
website to learn about
alternatives to
expanded
polystyrene products.

