

POLYSTYRENE CHECKLIST

TOWN OF BROOKLINE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TASK	DONE
<p>Look at ALL your plastic and styrofoam products. Do they have the following symbol? If yes, remove them from your store!</p> 	
<p>If your products have the following symbols, then you may KEEP them</p> 	
<p>If your product does not have ANY symbol, then you must contact your supplier and ask your supplier if your product is made from polystyrene. If your supplier says yes, then remove those products from your store. If your supplier says no, then ask for documentation as proof.</p>	
<p>Start purchasing alternatives. You can contact the following vendors for alternatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tri Mark United East 2. Amazon 3. Biomasspackaging: <i>food trays, deli-takeout containers, cups, lids</i> 4. Hubert: <i>meat trays</i> 5. Pactiv: <i>meat tray packing</i> 6. Eco-Products: <i>cups, lids, takeout containers</i> 7. US Eco Products: <i>takeout containers</i> 8. Dart: <i>cups, lids, containers</i> 9. Vegware: <i>cups, lids, containers</i> 10. Minipak Torre: <i>meat, poultry, and fish packaging</i> 11. World Centric 	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What is polystyrene?

A: Polystyrene is a plastic commonly used to make containers and lids for food and beverages. Polystyrene can come in a variety of forms. Polystyrene products are often labeled with the #6 plastic icon



Q: What kinds of products are plastic?

A: There are four general categories of containers that are made of plastic and therefore might be made of polystyrene.

1. Lids and cups



2. "Clamshell" style take-out containers



3. Meat, poultry, and fish packaging



4. Rigid clear plastic containers (commonly used to package sushi)



Q: What kind of plastic containers can I use?

A: You may use the following plastics:

1. #1 plastics (PETE-polyethylene)



2. #2 plastics (High density polyethylene)



3. #4 plastics (Low density polyethylene)



4. #5 plastics (PP-polypropylene)



5. #7 plastics (other/mixed plastics)



6. Paper/Cardboard products



7. Aluminum containers (lids must be foil or acceptable plastic, NOT polystyrene)



8. Biodegradable and/or compostable containers



Q: Are there local vendors that sell acceptable products?

A: Several restaurants in Brookline have used these local vendors to get acceptable products:

#7 plastics coffee cup lids

Restaurant Depot
114 First Avenue
Needham, MA 02494
P: (781) 449-1010
F: (781) 449-1010

J. Polep Distribution Services
35 Industrial Parkway
Woburn, MA 01801
P: (781) 933-3026

#5 plastics portion cups

Lee Yip International
93 York Ave
Randolph, MA 02368
P: (781) 961-8890
F: (781) 981-5315

Q: Can I apply for a waiver?

A: No, you may not. That deadline has passed.

Q: What happens if I continue to use polystyrene products?

A: You will be fined \$50 for each violation cited

Q: If I have any questions, whom can I call?

A: Please call Wesley Chin with the Brookline Health Department at 617-730-2333 or by e-mail at wchin@brooklinema.gov