

# Styrofoam Recycling FAQ



## **Can I recycle my Styrofoam coolers?**

Yes, UK Recycling can pick up and recycle all molded Styrofoam coolers. If you need a one time pick up, please send an email to [recycle@uky.edu](mailto:recycle@uky.edu). If your area or department produces a large volume of coolers on a regular basis, UK Recycling can schedule weekly pick ups to collect coolers.

## **Can the Styrofoam coolers go in the All-in-One general recycling container?**

No. Styrofoam coolers and molded packaging has to be collected and recycled separately from the All-in-One program. To see what is recyclable in the All-in-One general recycling program, check out our flyer.

## **Can I include my ice packs in the coolers?**

No. Unfortunately, UK Recycling cannot recycle ice packs at this time.

## **Can I recycle packing peanuts?**

No, packing peanuts cannot be recycled through UK Recycling's program.

## **Can I recycle Styrofoam cups, plates, and/or to-go containers?**

No! Styrofoam cups, plates and/or to-go containers cannot be recycled through the UK Recycling Styrofoam program or the All-in-One program. To see a full list of items that can be recycled in the All-in-One program, check out our flyer.

## **Can I recycle molded Styrofoam packaging?**

Yes! Hard, molded Styrofoam can be recycled. UK Recycling can schedule a one time pick up. Send an email to [recycle@uky.edu](mailto:recycle@uky.edu).

## **Can I recycle stretched Styrofoam or foam padding?**

No. The only Styrofoam that can be collected through this program is molded Styrofoam coolers and molded packaging.

## **What happens to the Styrofoam after it is collected by UK Recycling?**

All Styrofoam is collected and stacked on pallets to be shipped to Creative Packaging in Shelbyville, KY. Creative Packaging will either reuse the coolers as is, or break down the Styrofoam to create new products.

## **My department uses Styrofoam coolers, can UK Recycling provide Styrofoam coolers for reuse?**

Yes! UK Recycling is happy to work with any university department to provide Styrofoam coolers for reuse. Send UK Recycling an email!

## **My department uses ice packs, can UK Recycling provide ice packs for reuse?**

Yes! UK Recycling is happy to work with any university department to provide ice packs for reuse. Send UK Recycling an email!

**More questions? Contact UK Recycling at [recycle@uky.edu](mailto:recycle@uky.edu)**

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**YES!** These Styrofoam products **CAN** be recycled at UK!



*Styrofoam Coolers*



*Molded Styrofoam*

**NO!** These Styrofoam products **CANNOT** be recycled at UK!



*Styrofoam cups*



*Packing Peanuts*



*Styrofoam Plates*



*Styrofoam Takeout Containers*



*Foam Egg Crate Packaging*



*Stretched Styrofoam*