

Styrofoam

One of the more challenging plastics to recycle

Plastic polystyrene "peanuts" used for packaging are **not** recyclable but can be reused many times.

With a little determination, you can give new life to Styrofoam packing peanuts and electronics packaging.



Instructions:

Pack up your plastic peanuts and drop them off at The Parcel Room (just around the corner from Portsmouth's Recycling Center).



Parcel Room
1500 Lafayette Rd (Market Basket Plaza)
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(P) 603-431-0085

Additional Facts & Sustainable Recommendations:

Avoid purchasing products that use polystyrene packaging.

Although plastic peanuts cannot be recycled, they can be reused over and over again.

Recycled polystyrene is used to make more of the packaging materials, as well as things like toys and office products, according to manufacturer and recycler Dart Container.

While Styrofoam clams can be recycled if they're clean, it can be tricky to find a venue that recycles this material. Recyclers can turn these foam containers into other Styrofoam products, coat hangers or other goods, notes the Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers. In 2008, a new machine was developed to safely (and cleanly) melt Styrofoam for recycling, which may make this material more widely accepted over time.

It's best not to let the cat play with packaging peanuts.

