



Nine Steps Toward a Polystyrene-Free World

from <https://lifeyourway.net/>

Hope for Creation supports polystyrene* recycling (#9 on this list) as we move toward a polystyrene-free world. Here are other things you can do “upstream” to reduce the use of polystyrene:

1. Bring your own takeout containers.
2. Refuse polystyrene cups whenever possible.
3. Choose paper plates or bowls instead of polystyrene.
4. Avoid polystyrene egg cartons.
5. Convince your grocery store to stop using polystyrene trays for produce & meat.
6. Work with your school system to find alternatives for polystyrene lunch trays.
7. Resist and reuse polystyrene packing peanuts.
8. Reuse: Make your own bean bag refills.
9. Recycle: Some forms of polystyrene can actually be recycled.

**Polystyrene is to Styrofoam as tissues are to Kleenex (general term vs. brand name).*

Hope for Creation, a grassroots inter-religious group working to encourage and support faith-based action on climate change and environmental justice in greater Kalamazoo, invites you to join us! Becoming part of Hope for Creation (the Southwest Michigan Chapter of Michigan Interfaith Power & Light) connects your congregation with others across the region and is a symbol of your congregation’s commitment to Earth stewardship and climate action.

Learn more: https://www.mipl.org/southwest_mi_chapter

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Hope for Creation supports the City of Kalamazoo's new pilot initiative:

EPS & STYROFOAM RECYCLING AVAILABLE IN 2021

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) and Styrofoam recycling will be available to Kalamazoo residents starting in April! The City of Kalamazoo's Environmental Concerns Committee is piloting a one-year program with four collection days. Residents can drop off any amount of the accepted materials. Hope for Creation will provide volunteers to help accept, sort, and load materials.

Where: Mayors' Riverfront Park, 251 Mills Street

When: Saturdays, 10 AM - 1 PM: April 24, July 31, October 30, 2021, & January 29, 2022

ACCEPTED:

- Foam labeled with a 6 symbol only
- Foam must be in clear or translucent bags
- Food containers must be rinsed, wiped, or cleaned

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Straws or lids
- Packing peanuts (some office and shipping centers will accept packing peanuts)



EPS/Styrofoam™ Recycling

Please:

- Deposit foam in a clear or translucent bag.
- Make sure foam has the ♻️ symbol on it.
- Rinse or wipe foodservice containers.
- No straws or lids.
- No foam packaging peanuts.

DART

The sign is blue with white text and a white recycling symbol containing a white cup. The DART logo is at the bottom right.

