RECYCLING TIPS
EDUCATE, DON’T CONTAMINATE!

STYROFOAM (POLYSTYRENE FOAM)

It might keep your coffee hot without burning your hand or keep drinks cold for long periods of time, but plastic foam - more commonly known as Styrofoam - is one of the most harmful materials around when it comes to the environment.

500 years for plastic to break down in the landfill.

While technology to recycle plastic foam exists, few recycling facilities have the equipment.

less than 1% of all plastic foam is recycled.

REDUCE
• Bring your own containers to transport leftovers
• Carry your own stainless steel or ceramic mug

KEEP STYROFOAM OUT OF BLUE RECYCLE BINS
Plastic foam cannot go in the blue bins as it will contaminate the recycling.

REUSE
• Reuse packing peanuts or donate to local store that can use them
• Use as stuffing for pillows, toys, beanbag chairs
• Alternative to ice in a cooler
• Use as filler when potting plants

RECYCLE
Check out www.azrecycles.gov to find options for styrofoam recycling.

Find out more about recycling. Visit azdeq.gov/recycling