

# 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](http://www.azrecycles.gov) to find options for styrofoam recycling.

Find out more about recycling. Visit [azdeq.gov/recycling](http://azdeq.gov/recycling)