

STYROFOAM PRODUCTS

- * These products are used extensively in the food service industry.
- * Each year Americans throw away 25 Billion Styrofoam products or 1.369 tons of Styrofoam products each day.
- * It also takes up considerable amount of space in landfills and studies performed show Styrofoam can take up to 500 years to fully disintegrate.
- * Polystyrene (Styrofoam) is a liquid hydrocarbon manufactured from petroleum.
- * One component is styrene, it is a known hazardous substance suspected to be a carcinogen and neurotoxin.
- * Many people do not realize that when you reheat food in a Styrofoam product, toxins are released into the food.
- * Styrofoam is a notorious pollutant that is very difficult to recycle due to its light weight and low scrap value.
- * Due to the physical properties of polystyrene the EPA states that such materials can have serious impacts on human health, wildlife and the aquatic environment because the product breaks down and can clog waterways or be mistaken for food by wildlife.
- * Bills are being enacted to find suitable alternative products that are compostable or recyclable are being adopted.