



TOWN OF KENTVILLE POLICY STATEMENT G60 STYROFOAM (EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE) PRODUCTS RESTRICTION

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate the use of Styrofoam (Expanded Polystyrene) products within the Towns' operations.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

3.0 SCOPE

Styrofoam (Expanded Polystyrene), a petroleum-based product used primarily in the food industry, is non-recyclable and non-biodegradable. Expanded Polystyrene contributes to Town blight as litter, especially due to its lightweight nature, as it is easily blown by the wind from place to place even when disposed of properly.

Further, there is currently no meaningful recycling of food service expanded polystyrene products, due in part to contamination from food residue. Alternative products, which are biodegradable, reusable and/or recyclable, are readily available at reasonable cost.

4.0 PROCEDURES

- The purchase of any Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene product) for any Council, Staff or Town run community events/festivals shall be restricted.
- All Town facilities are restricted from using Styrofoam (expanded polystyrene) foam disposable food service ware, and no Town department will purchase or acquire polystyrene foam disposable food service ware for use at Town facilities.

5.0 ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

6.0 POLICY REVISION HISTORY

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