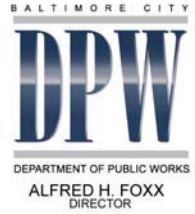


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Styrofoam Recycling Comes to Baltimore City

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and Public Works Director Alfred H. Foxx announced today a partnership with Dart Container Corporation, a leading manufacturer of polystyrene foam foodservice products, also known as foam #6, to collect these clean products, at no charge, at the Northwest Citizen's Convenience Center located at 2840 Sisson Street beginning Friday, November 4, 2011. Regular hours at the facility are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake stated, "This continues our efforts to expand recycling options in the City of Baltimore and to offer our residents more environmental choices. The addition of foam #6 recycling, and our improved Citizens' Center at Sisson Street with its new hazardous waste drop-off facility, is evidence that this administration is committed to moving Baltimore forward."

Director Foxx added, "These initiatives point to a continual commitment on our part to look for ways to meet the needs of our residents. They are looking for more ways to be environmentally sensitive and we need to offer those options to them."

Commonly referred to as "Styrofoam", a registered trademark of the Dow Chemical Company, foam #6 is a recyclable product that is used in a wide range of consumer products such as foam cups, plates, egg cartons and foodservice containers, and large molded blocks used to package electronics among other items. These items are usually marked with a "6" encased in a recycling symbol. Packing material commonly known as "peanuts" will not be accepted since they can be made from a different material than foam #6 and in some cases, may even be starch based.

Dart will regularly pick up clean foam which is processed and then sold to other manufacturers that use the material to create a variety of new products, including picture frames, crown molding and nursery plant containers. The container and transport of materials will be provided by DART at no charge to the City, eliminating the costs associated with this expansion of the recycling program.

"We've had great feedback from residents and businesses on the programs we have implemented in other areas in the region," said Ray Ehrlich, Dart Container Corporation Regional Manager for Government Affairs and the Environment. "It just confirms that there is a market for growing recycling options and the community wants to help divert waste from local landfills." Through this, and similar programs nationwide, the company is helping to raise awareness of the recyclability of foam #6.

About Dart Container Corporation

Established in 1937, Dart Container Corporation sets the industry standard of excellence by providing high quality, recyclable, affordable and safe foodservice packaging products, and responsible environmental practices. Dart is making a concerted effort to increase foam recycling opportunities throughout the country and strives to produce high-quality, cost-effective products in a manner sensitive to environmental concerns. Dart is headquartered in Mason, Michigan. For more information, visit www.dart.biz/recycle or call (800) 248-5960.

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