

What's expanded polystyrene?

Expanded polystyrene (EPS)— also known as foam or by the common brand name Styrofoam[™]— is a non-recyclable material commonly used in single use containers, cups, plates, and other servingware.

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Who does this apply to?

Any food vendors who serve prepared food will need to take steps to phase out EPS products beginning **July 1, 2025** for vendors with **20 or more locations** and **July 1, 2026** for vendors with **19 or fewer locations**. This includes:

- Restaurants
- Food trucks
- Catering companies
- Grocery store salad bars/ prepared food sections
- Other food service locations

Where can I learn more?

For more information about the EPS foam products ban, a list of alternative product materials, and FAQs, scan the QR below or visit **alexandriava.gov/go/7211**.

