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Styrofoam® collection begins at Northern Landfill Recycling Center

July 1, 2011 – Foam #6 recycling has arrived in Carroll County. The county today unveiled its first post-consumer foam #6 pilot collection at the Northern Landfill Recycling Center in Westminster. The free collection service will pioneer a new way for Carroll County residents, businesses and organizations to recycle foam with the number 6 on it (usaha).

To be accepted for recycling, the foam must bear the “6” symbol with chasing arrows (usaha). Often incorrectly referred to as “Styrofoam®”, a registered trademark of the Dow Chemical Company, foam #6 is also known as polystyrene foam, expanded polystyrene (EPS) or foam.

Carroll County’s foam #6 collection site is one of the state’s first public sites to accept foam food service containers, including foam cups, plates, take-out containers, egg cartons, as well as shaped or molded foam often used to package electronics. This site will divert foam and allow it to be recycled into new products. There’s no limit to how much can be brought by the public as long as it is clean.

Once the polystyrene foam is dropped off at the county collection site, it is then picked up by Dart Container Corporation and taken to its plant in Leola (Lancaster) Pennsylvania, where it is reprocessed and sold to manufacturers that make new products such as picture frames and moldings, office desk products, building insulation, and other consumer goods.

Please:

Place foam in a clear or translucent bag
Make sure that it has the #6 symbol
Rinse cups and food containers to remove food
Make sure there are no liquids in containers

Do not bring:

Foam packaging peanuts (accepted at many retail shipping outlets)
Straws, lids, tape or stickers
Foam Insulation material
Clamshell or non-foam #6 containers

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Northern Landfill and Recycling Center, 1400 Baltimore Boulevard, Westminster, will be closed on Monday, July 4 and open Tuesday, July 5 through Friday, July 8, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and open Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information, call Maria Myers, Carroll County Government Recycling Manager, at 410-386-2035 or the Northern Landfill at 410-386-4550

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