

Styrofoam™ Recycling Kicked Off as a HUGE Success!



Dawn Rafuse, a worker at Colchester's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) stands beside 17 pounds of Styrofoam™ prior to it being placed into the thermal densifier. (Submitted)



The small pile on the floor beside Dawn Rafuse is what was left after she performed her duties of putting the Styrofoam through the thermal densifier. Residents and business owners can see how much they will help save space and reduce landfill costs, if they recycle all the Styrofoam in their possession. (Submitted)

By Maurice Rees

Styrofoam can now be placed in your blue bag with plastics and containers. In fact, Colchester's Styrofoam recycling program on April 1st. Residents and businesses in Colchester, Truro and Stewiacke are one of the first areas in Nova Scotia to be able to recycle Styrofoam™.

Keeping Styrofoam out of the landfill, will save a lot of space. The pictures with this article, show the volume of 17 pounds, when Dawn Rafuse, a worker at the MRF stacked it up, prior to putting through the densification process.

Here's the foam items

which can be recycled: plates, cups, meat trays (pads and wrap must be removed), take-out containers, egg cartons, protective packaging blocks (e.g. blocks around a TV) and disposable beverage coolers. No spray foam or packing peanuts.

How will I recycle expanded polystyrene? Remove leftover food and any absorbent meat pads/plastic wrap; Rinse any foam product that has been in contact with food like you would all other container recyclables;

Place in a blue bag with your plastic, metal and glass recyclables. Please do not

wrap trays in plastic grocery bags as this will interfere with their recycling

What will happen to the Styrofoam™?

The foam is densified into blocks with a specialized machine to remove the air inside the containers.

The blocks can then be sold to manufacturers worldwide. Post-consumer foam is primarily used to make decorative picture frames and moldings.

This will save a huge amount of landfill space. All residents and business owners are asked to start recycling as soon as possible.

Honouring the No. 2 Construction Battalion

This summer, the Nova Scotia Tattoo will commemorate the dedication and service of the No. 2 Construction Battalion, celebrating its foundation one hundred years ago as a cornerstone of the proud tradition of Black military service in Canada.

The No. 2 Construction Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force (CEF), was raised in Nova Scotia in 1916. It was the only predominantly black battalion in Canadian military history, and the only Canadian Battalion composed of black soldiers to serve in World War I.

At the outbreak of World

War I, few black people served in the Canadian military, because of racial attitudes prevalent at the time. Despite this, members of the black community continued to petition for inclusion in the CEF and eventually, on July 5, 1916, the No. 2 Construction Battalion was authorized. More than 600 men were accepted into the battalion, which was headquartered in Pictou, Nova Scotia, before moving to Truro that same year.

The 2016 Tattoo takes place from June 30 - July 7 at the Scotiabank Centre. Tickets are available at the Scotiabank

Centre Box Office, at www.ticketatlantic.com, or by phone at 902-451-1221.

MacCaul Villa Notes

By Hazel Hill

On April 13th, we had a dinner in the lounge, the last of these till fall. Everyone enjoyed a great meal served by volunteers Marilyn and Curtis Adams. We express our thanks to them for these times.

Bud and Linda visited with Bernice on the 17th of April. We extend our sympathy to the family of Helen Patriquin. Helen had lived here at the Villa for a few years and we were all shocked at her sudden passing. Helen was well-liked by all. The bus from the Masstown Market comes alternating Thursdays and takes the residents to shop at the Market. This service is very much appreciated by the residents here. People from here celebrating their birthday in May are Shannon MacAloney and Shirley Ryan. We wish both these ladies a very happy day.

I attended the "90+" Birthday at the Economy Rec Hall this year on May 6th. Thanks again to Maurice and all his workers who make this a special event every year. Thanks

also to Maurice who delivered plates of food afterward to several residents here at the Villa. I hear he also stopped by the seniors complex in Bass River and provided a free meal to several of the residents, with meals that were left over from the 90 & 90+ birthday party. Along with a beautiful dinner prepared by the ladies in Economy, there were special guests in attendance, two teenage members of the curling team which won so many honours this year.

This month I enjoyed a few trips; one to Maitland where I had a chance to see my cousins Ellen and Louie Robinson, and another trip to the Fox Harbour Resort, where my great-granddaughter is employed. On both days the weather co-operated quite well!

Company for me this month has been Joan Mitchell, my cousin Lawrence Robinson from Maitland, my son Carleton and Thelma, Gertie Miller, and Ethel Turner. Visitors on April 30th were Kate and Curtis Gormley and Art and Barb Muisse, who were here to visit my granddaughter, Margaret who spent the morning with me.

I hope all Mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day!

New Colchester County Program – Textile Recycling!

By Maurice Rees

Colchester's Waste Resource Management team have been working hard to keep as much material out of the landfill as possible. As of May 1st, they added Textiles Recycling to the long list of items which are banned from the landfill. As of May 1st, any clothing, household textile or commercial linen as long as it is DRY and has NO ODOUR can be placed in your PAPER RECYCLING BAG to be reused/recycled.

Here is the list of Acceptable Items to add to the paper recycling bag: Bedding: (comforters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets); Belts, Boots, Bras, Coats, Curtains/ Draperies, Dresses, Flip flops, Halloween costumes, Hats, Jackets, Jeans and Jerseys (sports).

Other items which can also be recycled include:

Napkins (cloth), Pajamas, Pants, Pet beds & clothing, Pillows, Purses, Scarves, Shirts, Shoes (single or in pairs), Shorts, Skirts and Slippers.

Don't forget these textiles are also recyclable: Socks (single or in pairs), Stuffed animals, Suits, Sweaters, Sweatpants, Sweatshirts, Table linens, Ties, Towels and T-shirts.

To recycle the above items, please add textiles to the Fibre / Paper Bag.

Now you may be wondering where do Recycled Textiles go? 45% used for secondhand apparel, 30% become wiping and polishing cloths, 20% reprocessed into fibers and 5% is unusable. To recycle your texts, please add to the Fibre or Paper Bag with other recyclables.

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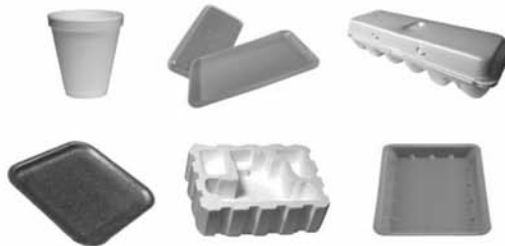
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Foam Polystyrene Recycling

As of April 1, 2016, Foam Polystyrene (Styrofoam™) recycling is finally here!

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- Remove any cardboard, packing tape, etc.



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