

The Foamex Group is committed to reducing the amount of EPS waste being sent to landfill in Australia. Across locations in five states (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Tasmania), we are actively involved in the recycling of EPS. Our recycling facilities serve EPS end-users, building and road construction sites, as well as other EPS manufacturers. Our state of the art granulating machines reduce moulded EPS into beads that are then reformed into new, sustainably produced EPS products.

Leading by example as an EPSA member

Foamex is a proud, long-serving member of Expanded Polystyrene Australia (EPSA), the peak national body for EPS manufacturers and distributors in Australia. We stringently follow all EPSA recommended EPS distribution and clean-up responsibilities as outlined in the Pod Code of Practice.

Why correctly disposing of EPS is important

- EPS is used in a wide variety of industries, so there is a lot of it.
- EPS is purpose-moulded for specific use, so it cannot be re-used. It must be recycled into new product.
- EPS is bulky in nature, so it occupies a lot of space in landfill.
- Recycled EPS can be used to make new EPS products that are used for sustainable building.

Foamex is partnering with our clients, and our community to help raise awareness about the correct way to dispose of EPS. EPS shouldn't be put in typical recycling bins. But nor should it be put in general waste bins. The truth is, EPS is 100% recyclable. But, recycling EPS requires a specific process and currently it is only recycled in large industrial quantities in Australia.



What can you do to help?

We support and encourage both our clients and members of the public to recycle their unwanted EPS by returning it (with prior arrangement) to one of our collection facilities in Australia – Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Tasmania.



What EPS products CAN be recycled?

- Packaging for small & large appliances (eg., big screen TV's, dishwashers & oven packaging)
- White polystyrene fruit & vegetable boxes (clean boxes only - all organic material & labels must be removed prior to recycling)
- One car boot load of EPS at a time for household drop-offs
- Uncontaminated (eg, mud and concrete free) EPS from building & construction sites
- Bean bag beans

What EPS products CAN'T be recycled

- Coloured polystyrene
- Food packaging
- Peanut-shaped loose foam packaging
- Meat trays
- Tape or strapping
- Plastic or foam wrapping
- Any EPS products that feature paper/plastic labels
- Polystyrene covered in dirt, concrete or cement



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There's a right and a wrong way to dispose of your EPS waste. If you're not sure which is which, contact your local Foamex office.

For more information visit www.foamex.com.au