

# FOAM RECYCLING



**A COLLABORATION & VISION WITH  
GILFORD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
& NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND ROTARY CLUBS**

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**98%  
AIR**


**FOAM AKA  
"STYROFOAM"**

**PS (EPS) =  
POLYSTYRENE  
(EXPANDED)**

**2%  
PLASTIC**

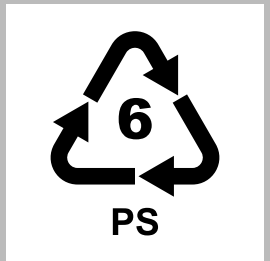


# RECYCLING BASICS

						
<p><b>PET</b> Polyethylene terephthalate</p>	<p><b>HDPE</b> High-density polyethylene</p>	<p><b>PVC</b> Polyvinyl chloride</p>	<p><b>LDPE</b> Low density polyethylene</p>	<p><b>PP</b> Polypropylene</p>	<p><b>PS</b> Polystyrene</p>	<p><b>OTHER</b> Other types of plastics</p>
<p>PET is commonly used in commercially sold water bottles, soft drink bottles, sports drink bottles and condiment bottles.</p>	<p>HDPE is commonly used in milk and juice bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, grocery bags and cereal box liners.</p>	<p>PVC can be flexible or rigid, and is used for plumbing pipes, clear food packaging, shrink wrap, plastic children's toys, tablecloths, vinyl flooring and blister packs.</p>	<p>LDPE is used for dry cleaning bags, bread bags, newspaper bags, produce bags, "paper" milk cartons and hot/cold beverage cups.</p>	<p>PP is used to make yogurt containers, deli food containers, furniture, luggage and winter clothing insulation.</p>	<p>PS is used for toys, rigid packaging, refrigerator trays and CD cases. Also used to form Expanded Polystyrene EPS used for take out containers, cups/plates and packing chips.</p>	<p>Any plastic item not made from 1-6 plastics is lumped together as a number 7 plastic and is used for things like CD's, baby bottles and headlight lens.</p>
						

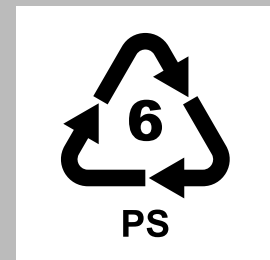


# EXCITING INITIATIVE & PARTNERSHIP



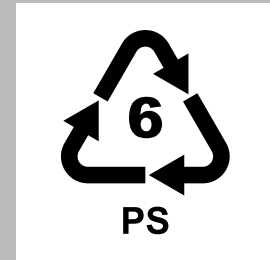
## NH NETWORK PLASTICS WORK GROUP

Statewide volunteer group focused on impact and initiatives related to plastics waste reduction and the petrochemical industry.



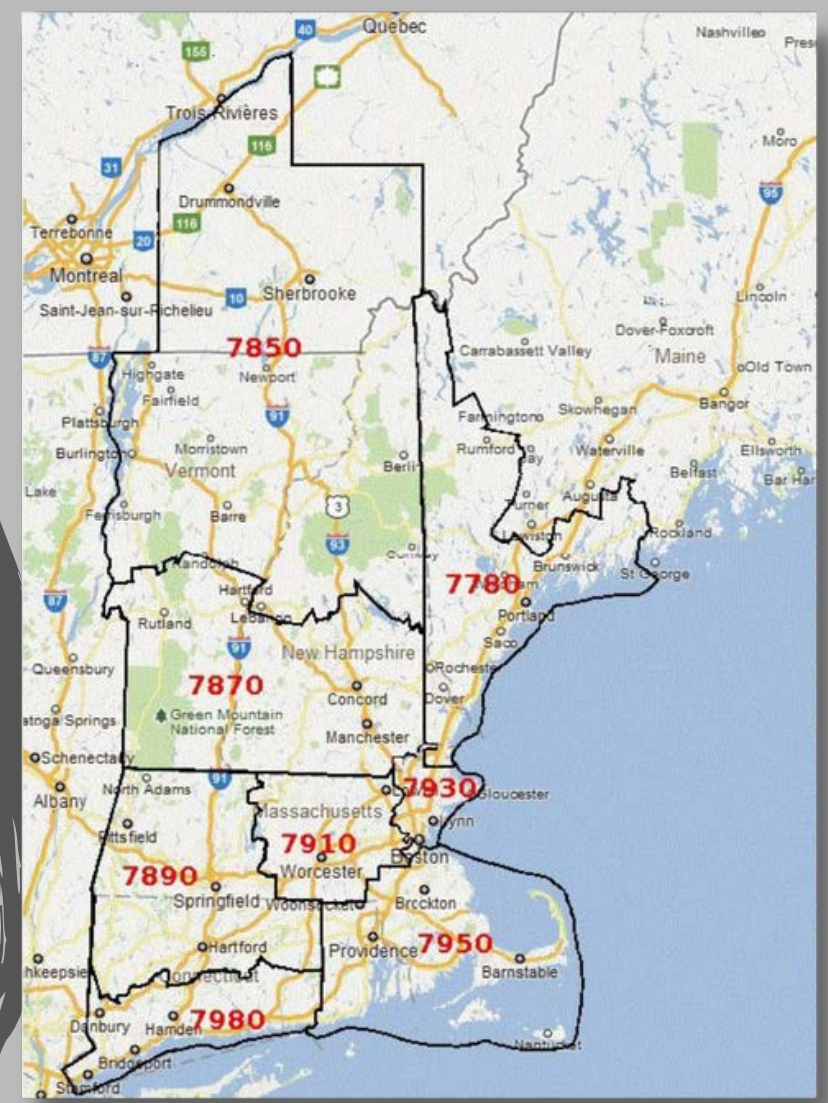
## FOAM CYCLE, LLC

Company with patented foam densifier unit out of NJ.



## NORTHERN NE ROTARY

Past District Governors #7850 Mike Carrier, #7870 John Siemienowicz and #7780 Dick Hall & others rotary members.





# GOALS OF FOAM RECYCLING IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND



**REDUCE FOAM WASTE  
IN LANDFILLS**



**SAVE MONEY ON TRASH  
DISPOSAL COSTS**



**GENERATE REVENUE  
THRU RECYCLING**



**REDUCE PLASTIC  
POLLUTION**



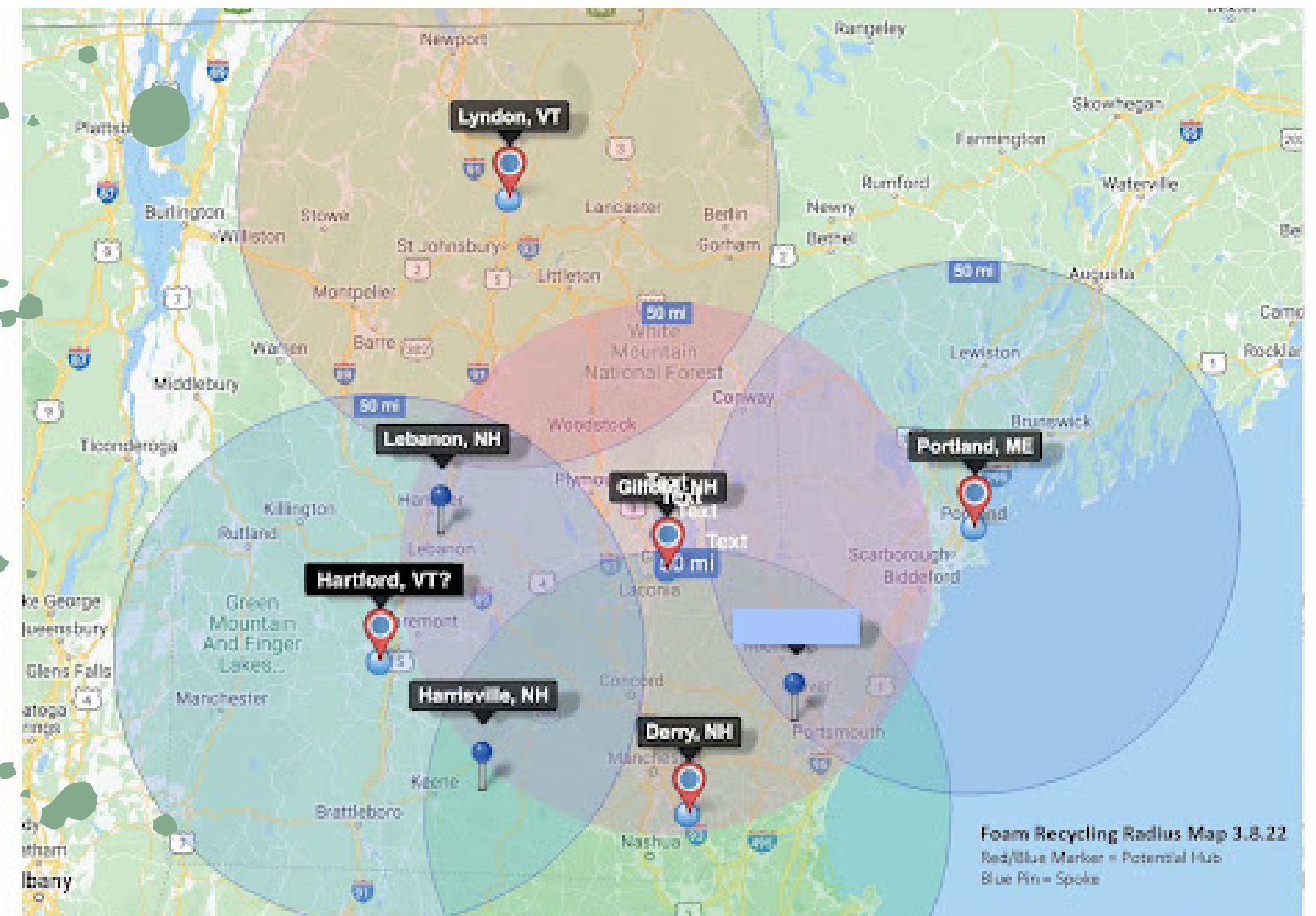
# HUB AND SPOKE CONCEPT

HUB SITE - Location for foam drop off and foam densification unit, such as a municipality, private business or regional solid waste center.

SPOKE SITES - Location for loose foam collection via organized events, mobile units or collection containers and managed by Rotary Clubs.

SPOKE sites would deliver loose foam to nearest HUB Location.

**GILFORD DPW NOW IST NH HUB LOCATION  
NEK WASTE MGMNT DISTRICT - LYNDON, VT**





# SPOKE #1 COLLECTION EVENTS

## ORGANIZED BY ROTARY CLUBS

- Hold regional or individual community event

## FLEXIBLE

- Hold as few or as many events as desired (monthly/quarterly/annually)

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

- Educate community on recycling right
- Collaborate with DPW, Town Committees or other interested groups.

## CONS

- Requires large volunteer effort
- Need trailer(s) for collections







# SPOKE #2 COLLECTION BINS

## PROS

- Reasonable price < \$3,000
- Locate permanently or move around community.
- Lightweight bags ~ 20lbs easy to transport to HUB.

## CONS

- Need to monitor and swap out once filled.
- Could get contaminated or unacceptable items when in remote unstaffed location.



# SPOKE #3 COLLECTION BAGS

## COORDINATE WITH LOCAL TRANSFER STATION

- Collect weekly or daily with town staff or volunteers

## PROS

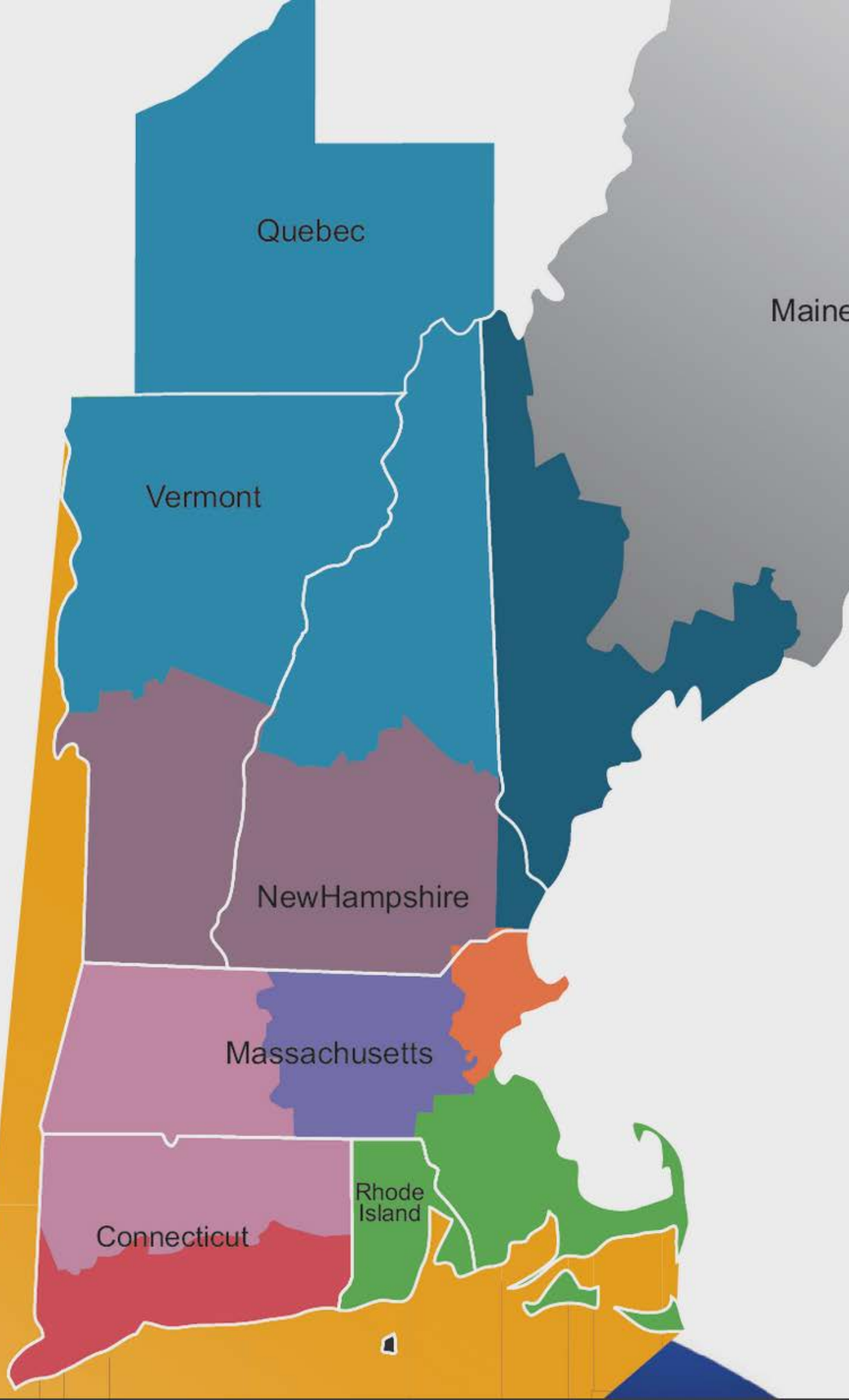
- Very inexpensive
- Easy to set up and accessible
- Minimal volunteer effort
- Smaller amounts to transport
- Monitor contamination closely

## CONS

- Need buy-in from town or town staff







## SPOKE #4 MOBILE COLLECTION

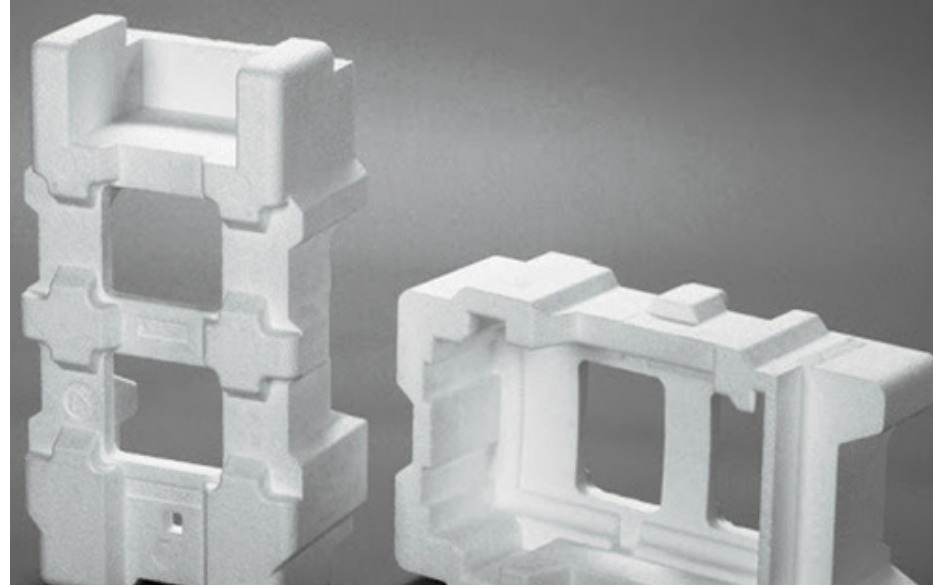
### PROS

- DG interest in this model
- Added flexibility to move unit throughout district (DPW or schools)
- Share with clubs / pool funding
- Simplified transport
- Possibly less volunteer effort

### CONS

- Expensive \$18,000+
- Limited collection volume





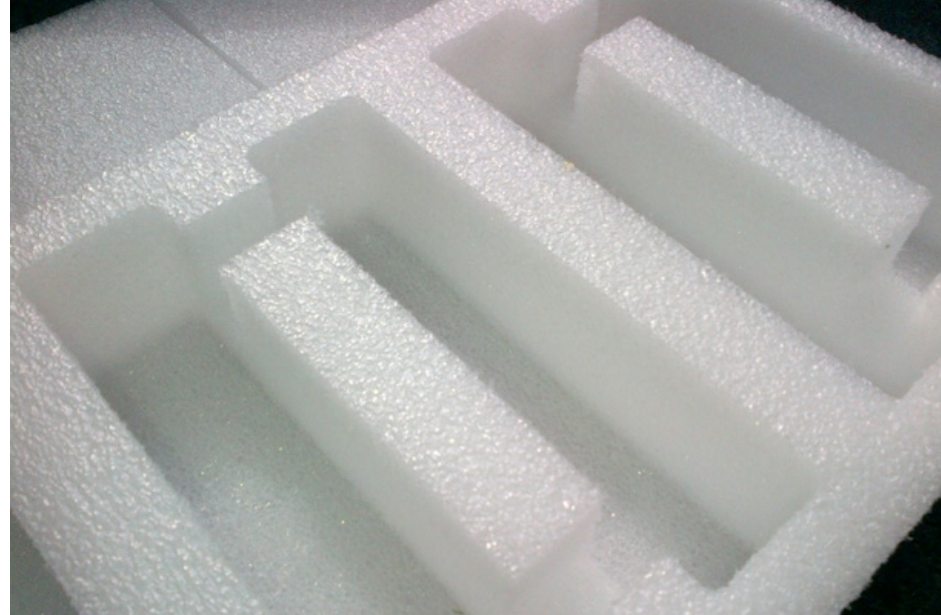
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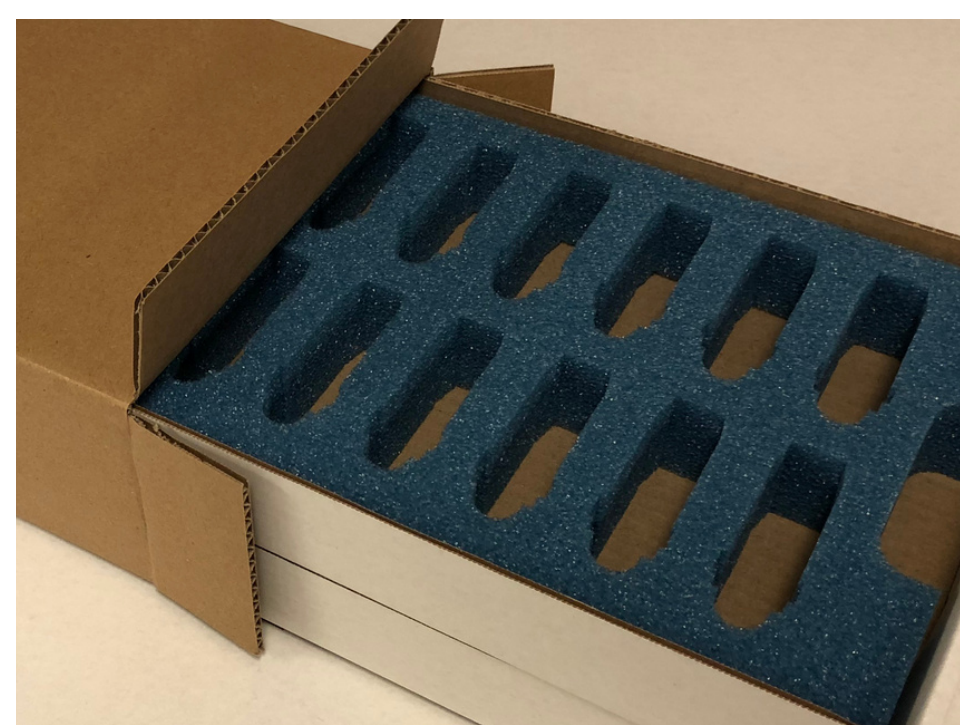
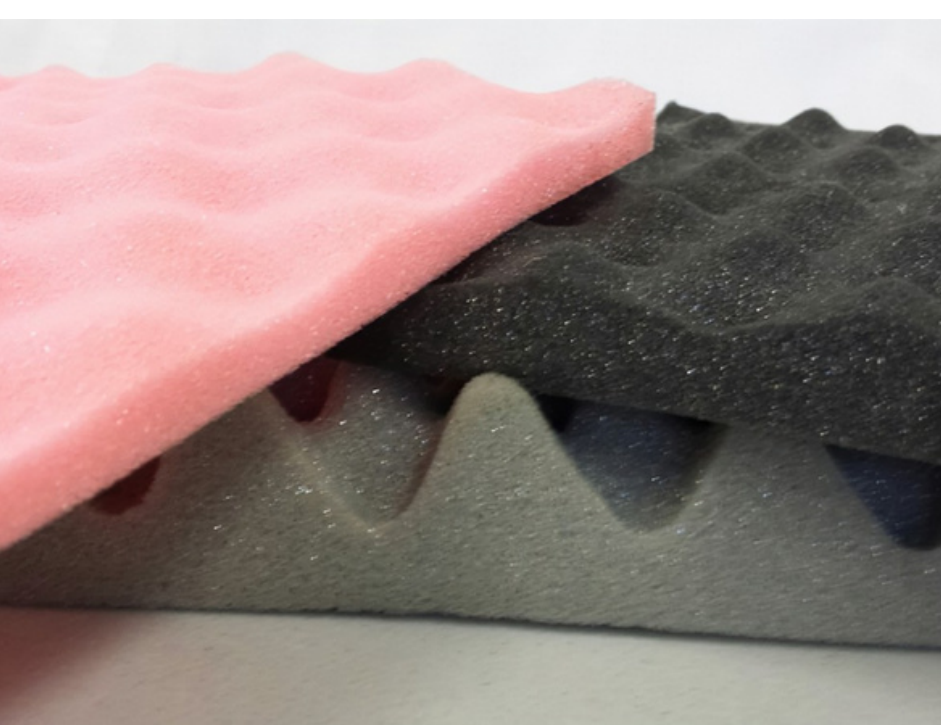
**ALL FOOD SERVICE FOAM MUST BE CLEAN AND FREE FROM RESIDUAL FOOD**







# UNACCEPTABLE FOAM ITEMS





# GILFORD DPW'S ROLE AS HUB LOCATION

**POSITIVE  
REGIONAL  
IMPACT**

**COLLECT**



**PROCESS**



**STORE**



**SELL**





# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER INGOTS ARE SOLD?







# YOUR CLUB/GROUP ROLE IN PROGRAM



## EDUCATION

Promote program both locally and regionally



## COLLECTION

Volunteer at DPW or other community collection events



## TRANSPORT

Offer to transport foam back to Gilford



## FUNDING

Possible funding efforts to purchase unit, bags or bins.



# STEPS TO GET HERE...

**JAN-APRIL**

**MAY-JUNE**

**JULY-SEPT**

**ONGOING**



**INTRO & GRANT**

- Foam Action Group Meetings
- Research
- Find partners
- BOS approval
- FRC Grant application



**LOCAL SETUP**

- Site setup & electrical
- Delivery of unit & training
- Create public education campaign
- Promote to Gilford residents & Rotary Club



**LAUNCH**

- Start foam collection in Gilford
- Obtain NHDES permit
- Collaborate with LRPC on grant writing
- Discuss Rotary club outreach plan.



**EXPAND**

- Fine tune logistics on collection events and transportation
- Regional outreach to clubs & DPWs
- Fundraise / grant applications





# GILFORD DATA JULY - DEC



**REMOVED EQUIVALENT  
OF 400 CY FOAM FROM  
MSW STREAM**

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**EQUIVALENT OF 10  
40 YARD CONTAINERS**



**PRODUCED 77  
INGOT BRICKS**

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**3,200 LBS+  
GILFORD ONLY**



**SAVED \$2,500 IN  
HAULING OVER 6  
MONTHS**

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**ESTIMATE \$6,000  
SAVINGS IN 2023**



**ACCEPTED FOAM  
FROM 6  
COMMUNITY  
EVENTS  
THROUGHOUT NH**



# TOWNS CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING

**HARRISVILLE**

**CORNISH**

**HANOVER**

**PLYMOUTH**

**GILFORD**

**ALEXANDRIA**

**LEBANON**

**SANDWICH**

**TAMWORTH**





# THANKS FOR YOUR TIME!



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