

## DON'T THROW OUT THAT STYROFOAM!

Styrofoam is made out of polystyrene, which is a plastic derived from petroleum, a non-renewable energy source. Styrofoam has gotten a deservedly bad rap, mainly because it is not biodegradable - it doesn't decompose in landfills; in fact, it can sit there, doing nothing, for 400 years! Occasionally, though, it breaks into pieces and floats on water, confusing and injuring fish and other wildlife that ingest it.

Lots of Styrofoam products have the recycling symbol but if your town does not recycle it, like most towns in Westchester, then the material gets mingled with the regular garbage. Nonetheless, many of us still buy and use Styrofoam, even though Westchester County has banned its use in county facilities. And although some are working to have Styrofoam removed from our cafeterias, many still have trays, soup bowls, cups, and more made of the material.



### So, what to do? Donate your used Styrofoam to a good cause!

Schools are banning together give their Styrofoam to Hitsman Farm in Dutchess County NY. The farm creates special "green roof" soil for The Gaia Institute, using non-toxic recycled polystyrene foam coated with pectin and mixing it with compost.

This patented ultralight-weight roof soil is used to make Green roofs, an environmentally progressive response to the energy crisis. These roofs help reduce storm-water run-off, provide a habitat for birds, butterflies and other creatures, reduce the temperature inside and outside the building, provide hands-on learning environments and so much more. Green roofs are being installed at many locations, including schools and universities.

### Create a STYROFOAM COLLECTION DRIVE in your building lobby or cafeteria!

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, bring this collection (packaged in large garbage bags) to the Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation (CELF)

#### Students for a Sustainable Future EXPO at Pace University.

The collection it will be transported via a Westchester County recycle truck to Hitsman Farm and donated to The GAIA Institute for roof gardens, perhaps even for your school or the JBFC Media and Education Center.



For any questions:

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### STYROFOAM COLLECTION DRIVE DROP-OFF POINT: STUDENTS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE EXPO '08

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@ Pace University, Pleasantville, NY

