



## REGIONAL DISTRICT of NORTH OKANAGAN

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### **Free Styrofoam Round Up**

COLDSTREAM, BC – As part of Waste Reduction Week, the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is once again hosting a **free** Styrofoam Round Up where residents can drop off their Styrofoam for recycling.

On **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19** between **10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**, residents can bring their clean, sticker-less, bagged Styrofoam free of charge to The Real Canadian Wholesale Club parking lot located at 2501 - 34 Street, Vernon. Staff from the RDNO, Venture Training Centre, and Interior Freight and Bottle Depot will be on hand to collect Styrofoam and to provide information about waste reduction programs in the North Okanagan.

Styrofoam items such as egg cartons, meat trays, containers, blocks, cups, and packing peanuts will be accepted. After the event, the collected Styrofoam will be processed using an Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Styrofoam densification machine that heats and compresses the Styrofoam and produces a dense plastic material. "Styrofoam recycling creates a raw material that can be used to make items such as helmets, bike parts, picture and mirror frames and other hard plastic products," says Robyn Cooper, RDNO Waste Reduction Coordinator.

If residents are unable to attend the event, year-round Styrofoam drop-off is available at the locations below for a \$3.00 per bag handling fee. The handling fee covers the cost of receiving, inspecting, storing, and transporting the collected material. The bags used to drop off Styrofoam must be clear and no larger than large lawn and leaf bags.

Interior Freight and Bottle Depot  
4205 - 24 Avenue, Vernon

Venture Training Centre  
4240 Alexis Park Drive, Vernon

Styrofoam drop-off is also available at the Greater Vernon Recycling and Disposal Facility (GVRDF) and the Armstrong Spallumcheen Recycling and Disposal Facility (ASRDF) where regular refuse disposal fees will apply. For more information, please contact the RDNO at 250.550.3700.

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