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## Organizations Partner for Region-Wide Styrofoam Recycling Event

**Who:** Montgomery County Environmental Services, Centerville-Washington Park District, City of Centerville

**What:** Styrofoam recycling event

**When:** Saturday, January 2 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Activity Center Park at 221 N Main Street in Centerville

*Fact: Styrofoam can take up 30% of the space in some landfills.*

*Fact: The lifespan of Styrofoam in a landfill is around 500 years.*

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Hate to throw away all the Styrofoam your kids open over the holidays? Receiving a lot of Styrofoam take-out containers as you support small businesses with carryout?

Montgomery County Environmental Services is coordinating with the Centerville-Washington Park District and the City of Centerville to organize a Styrofoam recycling event.

The first 50 participants will receive a coupon for a free Bill's Donut. The first 200 participants will receive a 'swag bag' of environmental goodies.

Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 2, anyone can bring Styrofoam to Activity Center Park, where volunteers will unload their vehicles. Those dropping off do not even need to leave their vehicle. This event is open to the public, regardless of where you live.

"This is the first time Montgomery County has held an event for recycling Styrofoam. The timing is perfect to gauge interest and we hope families will hold onto the packing material they may have left over after the holidays," said John Woodman, Montgomery County Environmental Services Program Specialist.

Environmental Consultant, ECO Development, will transport the collection to its facility in Mason, where the material will be processed and eventually recycled into products like surfboards, picture frames and coat hangers.