EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE SALE AND USE RESTRICTION

City of Miami Beach

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What & Why

- Expanded Polystyrene is a petroleum-based plastic product
- It is non-biodegradable and not readily recyclable
- Contains the toxic substances Styrene and Benzene
- Expanded polystyrene can have "serious impacts on human health, wildlife, the aquatic environment and the economy" (EPA-842-B-02-002)

How

Where & When

- September 15, 2015 – November 13, 2015

  Public education and outreach will be conducted to inform food service providers and stores of the prohibition and to provide assistance with identifying alternatives to expanded polystyrene food service articles. Code Compliance will issue written warnings for the sale and use of polystyrene coolers and ice chests.

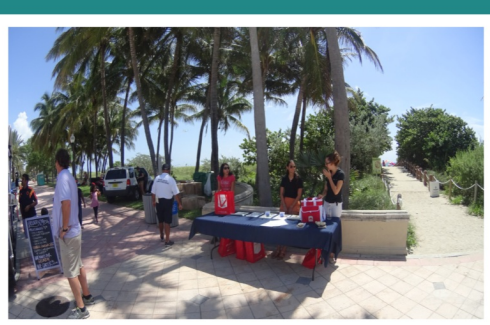
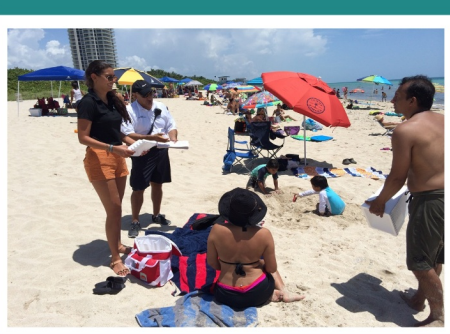
- November 14, 2015

  Code compliance department will enforce and distribute penalties to the following expanded polystyrene food service articles: ice chests and coolers.

- March 15, 2016

  For items other than coolers and ice chests, the City will provide a 6 month warning period through and including September 15, 2016. The Code Compliance department shall issue written warnings for violations of this article.

- September 16, 2016

  Fines and penalties will be distributed to the sale or use of any expanded polystyrene item:

  a. First violation within a 12-month period: $50.00;
  b. Second violation within a 12-month period: $100.00;
  c. Third or subsequent violation within a 12-month period: $500.00