

Polystyrene



A motion has been passed by Council to allow administration to construct a bylaw to ban the use & sale of polystyrene within the town limits; however, this would be implemented as a last resort.

The decision was that Turner Valley was going to stop polystyrene from entering our landfill site.

Council has made it a priority to educate both adults and children in school on recycling and the future of our landfill site. Through education, the town is seeking a solution to the proper disposal of polystyrene.

Polystyrene is bulky and does not compact well, hence fills our landfill sites quicker than other refuse. Polystyrene has a lifetime of 300-500 years in a landfill.

The town has also taken the initiative to speak to local restaurant owners and store owners in the area and encourage them to find an alternative to using polystyrene.

We agree that it is a great product and we realize that everyone uses it but usually only once. What should we do with it once we're through with it is the question. If properly recycled Polystyrene can serve us for a long time to come.

The town does not want to ban the production of Polystyrene or any other petroleum based products. We do want to be leaders who will address issues of waste. Because of our past heritage in petroleum; we want to become environmentally responsible.

Addressing Polystyrene and Plastic waste has made us more knowledgeable with respect to how and what can be done to recycle petroleum based products. If successful, we may not have to take the drastic step in implementing a bylaw to ban polystyrene and other petroleum products.

Because of our past, Turner Valley plans to and will be the centre of excellence for research, information and recycling of petroleum bi-products.



Turner Valley's goal is to preserve and protect what we already have.



**We can't change yesterday
We live for today but
We can implement change for tomorrow!**

The cost of such a switch for local business owners is nominal, but the environmental pay-off is marked.

