

# **Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority**

## **Styrofoam Recycling Position Statement**

The Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority (SEBCLA) is committed to protecting and improving the environment by providing a free recycling center for the local community. Recyclable materials such as glass, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, oil, and antifreeze will continue to be collected at SEBCLA. However, as recycling markets trend downward and material recovery facilities are refusing to accept single stream recycling (Dawid, 2018), we have been forced to not accept recyclable Styrofoam at this time. We will continue to watch the markets and look for new avenues for this material, however, we recommend trying to reduce buying products containing Styrofoam waste or reusing the product before disposal. Reduce, reuse, and recycle can make a real difference in reducing pollution and conserving energy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, 2019). We appreciate your commitment to recycling and your passion for protecting our environment.

### Sources:

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