

Seven Things to Know About Plastic Packing Materials



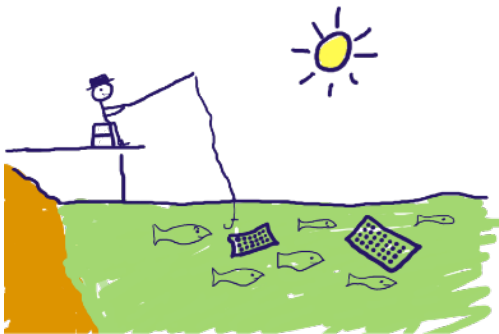
1. Plastic is not biodegradable. When it does eventually break down into smaller pieces, it becomes hazardous to fish and other aquatic animals who mistake it for food.



2. Burning styrofoam produces deadly toxins, including dioxin, that are carcinogenic to humans.



3. Plastic packing materials are often blown along by the wind, collecting in empty lots, gutters, and backyards, and eventually making their way into our surface waters.



4. Plastic is made from fossil fuels, and the manufacturing process releases toxins into the environment. So not only do plastic materials themselves cause pollution, but making them also contributes to climate change!



5. Styrofoam peanuts are not easily recyclable, so the only thing to do is re-use, or better yet, eliminate their use!



6. Bubble wrap is another packing material that doesn't break down in the environment. Along with other plastics, it gathers in giant garbage patches in our oceans

7. Biodegradable packing materials actually cost LESS than their plastic counterparts!



Reducing the use of plastic packing materials is something every town and city can do!