



POLICY BANNING PLASTIC AND STYROFOAM PURCHASE IN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS & ACADEMIC UNITS

POLICY NUMBER:	2018-02-004
TITLE OF THE POLICY:	Policy Banning Plastic & Styrofoam Purchase in UB Departments & Academic units
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COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER:	
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PURPOSE OF THE POLICY:	This policy aims to eliminate the purchase and use of disposable expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam and plastic food-service products in all departments and academic units of the University.
REVISION NUMBER:	
ACCOUNTABILITY:	Vice President, Finance
RELATED POLICY/POLICIES:	Not applicable
APPENDIX:	

1. Preamble

The University of The Bahamas (UB) seeks to advance environmental stewardship and sustainability on our campuses, which embody approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being. As part of this broader effort and to address trash reduction, public health, marine life protection, and environmental sustainability, UB intends to ban the purchase of non-sustainable food packing in all departments and academic units on campus.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all University campuses.

3. Definitions

Expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam - A rigid and tough closed-cell foam, in the form of beads commonly known as packaging “peanuts.” Thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing styrene.

EPS foam food service products - Carry-out food packaging including trays, plates, bowls and cups.

Plastics - Carry-out food packaging including cutlery, trays, plates, bowls and cups.

4. Implementation

4.1 Departments and Academic units will no longer receive budget funds for the purchase of plastic and EPS foam food-service products.

4.2 University personnel will no longer be able to purchase disposable plastic and EPS foam food products with university funds and are not to use such products at campus events.

4.3 The University of The Bahamas favours alternatives to disposable plastic and EPS foam - Preference will be given to:

4.3.1 1. Products that are reusable;

4.3.2 2. Products that are non-toxic and certified compostable;

4.3.3 3. Products that can be recycled in The Bahamas.

4.4 Single-use biodegradable plastic products should not be considered a viable alternative.