



Hawthorne Green Team & Borough of Hawthorne Styrofoam/Christmas Tree Collection Winter 2020 Recap

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Styrofoam & Christmas Tree Collection Winter 2020: An Amazing Success!

The Hawthorne Green Team & Borough of Hawthorne's Winter Styrofoam Drive was held on a warm and sunny Saturday on January 11th, 2020 from 9am-12pm at the Municipal Building Parking lot. We recognized with the recent holiday shopping season, there would be a lot of styrofoam packaged with various toys, electronics and appliances. We were glad our community acknowledged the call to hold their styrofoam until our winter drive. We collected clean packaging Styrofoam only. Regretfully, packing peanuts, styrofoam cups, spongy plastic and food containers were not acceptable. There were a total of 143 cars and a total of 144 bags collected of Styrofoam! This was a huge jump from our 54 bags collected during our fall 2019 drive. Hawthorne filled a thirty (30) cubic yard rolloff and Hawthorne's Recycling pickup truck! Hawthorne's Department of Public Works transported the styrofoam to a facility in Haskell, New Jersey. This facility will break down the styrofoam and beneficially reuse as a raw material into building insulation material.

"Our styrofoam collection drive exceeded beyond our expectations. Hawthorne residents and nearby town's residents participated in Hawthorne's drive. Everyone was excited to remove this styrofoam from the garbage – landfills. In addition, several residents expressed that they have held onto the styrofoam for several years and had been waiting for Hawthorne do something such as re-purpose the material. It was an amazing event!" stated Rayna Laiosa, Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team – Chair.

Residents were also encouraged to drop off their Christmas trees and wreaths (w/out wires) in addition to your regular Yard Waste day during January. We collected six (6) Christmas trees.

We look forward to hosting another styrofoam drive later this year. You can stay up to date on upcoming events via Nixle, Burbio and our Facebook page: [Hawthorne Environmental Commission/Green Team](#).