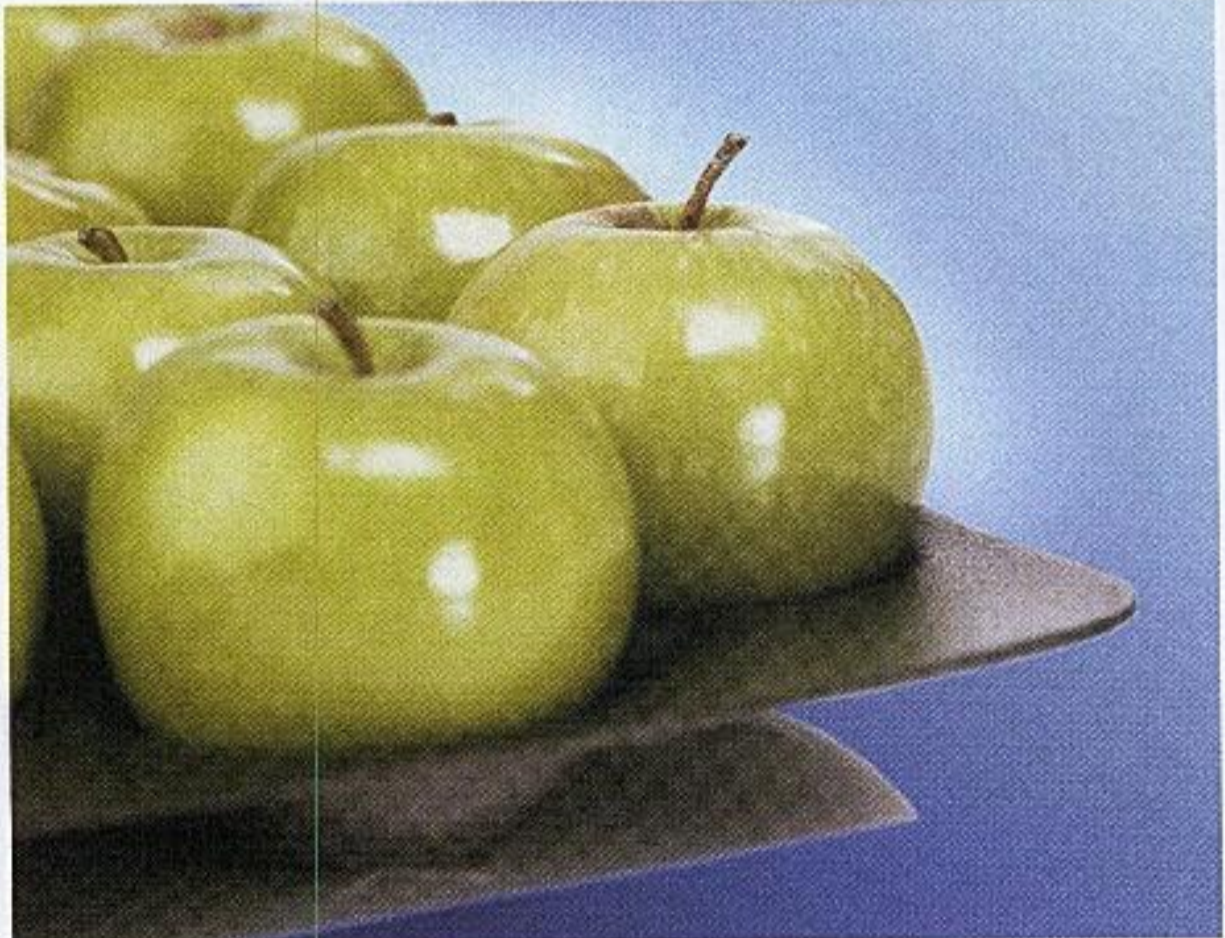
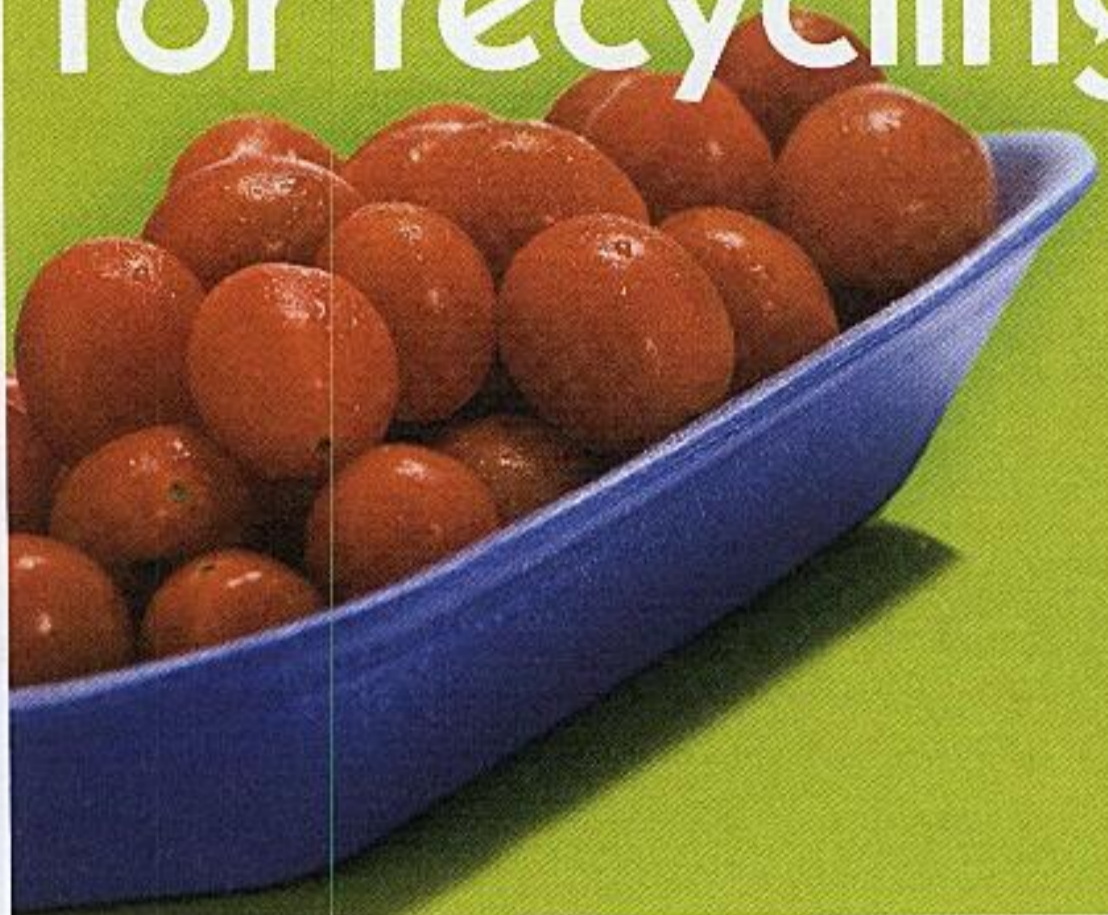


Call for polystyrene for recycling



POLYSTYRENE (PS) comes in many shapes and forms, from foam egg cartons to salad boxes, from coffee cups to CD 'jewel boxes', and from produce trays to 'peanuts' used in packing and the lightweight foam pieces that cushion new appliances and electronics.

PS is required by South Africa's Polystyrene Packaging Council (PSPC) for its recycling programme and for this reason it's important that polystyrene is identified (see logo below).

PS recycling programs are established in Gauteng, Cape Town and KwaZulu-Natal.

PS can be recycled for use in a large number of products – for instance picture frames, cornices and curtain rods, to mention but a few. This material is not generally a high-profile target in recycling terms (unlike glass, paper, aluminium cans, etc) and many people are unaware of how much PS is dumped. The solution is separation, compaction and recycling!

In an effort to raise awareness of PS and its numerous packaging uses, the impact on the environment and the importance of recycling, various representatives from manufacturers, consumer bodies and recycling organisations joined forces to form the PSPC, which encourages consumers to assist its recycling efforts.



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