Foam Use in iGEM Labs across the Globe

UVA Sustainability x Virginia iGEM 2019

Goal:

The purpose of this survey was to better understand how the use and disposal of foam coolers in UVA's labs stacks up against that of iGEM labs around the world.

	Shoe Box	Microwave Suitcase and Larger		Irregular
Total:	149	130	22	17



To address foam use, teams were asked to approximate the number of coolers they possessed by relating the size to that of every day items for standardization. Most teams only kept a few around at any given time, while others had mounds piling up.

We also asked teams to let us know how they typically handle their polystyrene waste. We were excited to hear over 70% of teams reused and an additional 12.2% recycled

