Styrofoam

Styrofoam is a popular choice for many shippers of perishables and other commodities due to its inherent properties of cushioning, insulation, water resistance and low cost.

However, it is also highly brittle and susceptible to damage from regular handling. This can lead to leakage of the product and leave loose debris which can damage aircraft components. For that reason, styrofoam is prohibited from being used as an outer package. This means it must be completely wrapped in another layer of different material before it can be accepted by WestJet Cargo.

Some options for wrapping are:

- Heat sealed plastic wrap.
- Polythene bag or sheeting, tape sealed.
- Fiberboard or cardboard – this must fully enclose the styrofoam and sealed closed with tape.

Note: not all these methods will necessarily offer additional protection to the shipment but, they will help to contain any spill or debris if the styrofoam package is damaged.