

Make Dennis more sustainable... Recycle old mattresses, IT'S THE LAW!

In Massachusetts, discarded mattresses must be recycled. Discarded mattresses can be difficult to manage, expensive to transport, and hard to compact. They take up lots of landfill space, and can damage the incinerator processing equipment used for those discarded in Dennis.

But mattresses are made up mostly of recyclable materials. Once disassembled, **more than 75 percent of their components can be reused.** Over 1,500 used mattresses are collected at the Dennis Transfer Station annually. **These are removed by a mattress recycling company, that charges the Town over \$28,000.**

Mattresses in good condition can be donated. MassDEP Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory lists charities and organizations that accept them for reuse or recycling. Recycling mattresses is better for the environment, the economy, and our Town's disposal costs.

Keeping mattresses out of our trash is a great way to make progress toward our "ZeroWaste" goals!

1 What mattresses can be recycled?

- Any resilient material or combination of materials that is enclosed by ticking, used alone or in combination with other products, and that is intended for sleeping upon.
- Mattresses contaminated with mold, bodily fluids, insects, oil, or hazardous substances **CAN NOT** be recycled.
- Mattress includes any foundation or box spring.

2 Why recycle mattresses?

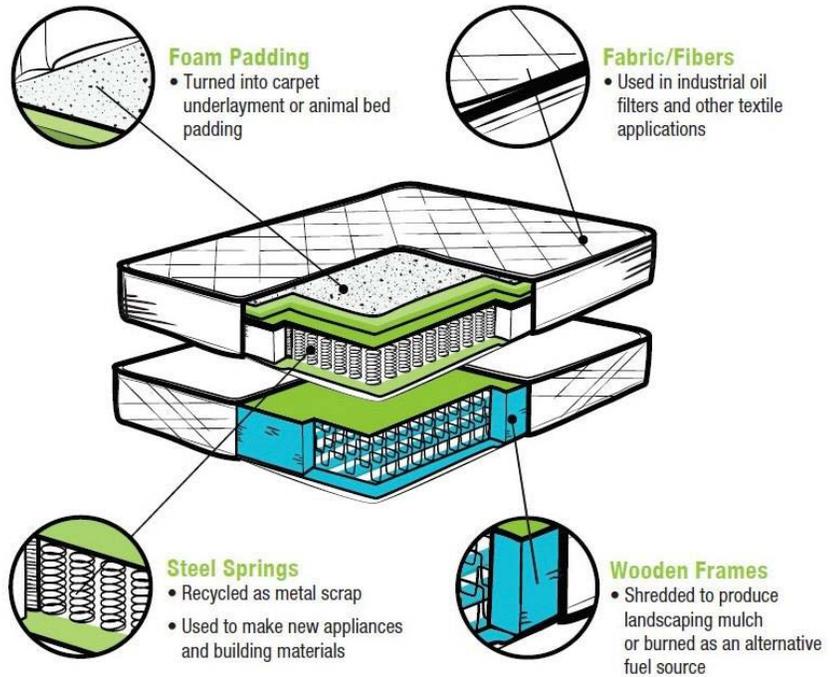
It Reduces...

- Overall Dennis trash disposal costs and damage to incineration equipment

And Supports...

- Non-profit organizations and businesses that create jobs here in Massachusetts

Used Mattresses Have Value!



3 How are mattresses recycled?

- **Residents** can drop mattresses off at the Dennis Transfer Station for a fee. But first, **consumers should always request that retailers remove old mattresses** when new ones are delivered.
- **Businesses** can search for recycling service providers for mattresses (or for any material) through the RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts
- **The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC)** is a nonprofit organization formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs in states that have passed mattress recycling laws. Learn more about the **mattress recycling industry** at: <https://mattressrecyclingcouncil.org/>

Frequently Asked Questions About the New Mattress Recycling Law

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/frequently-asked-questions-mattress-textile-waste-ban/download>