

MassDEP Mattress and Textile Waste Bans

Beginning November 1, 2022, New state rules require mattresses and textiles to be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or donated for reuse. Massachusetts residents get rid of almost 300,000 mattresses, box springs, and 230,000 tons of textiles annually.

Why: 85% of materials in a mattress and 95% in textiles can be recycled, reused, or repurposed.



Where: If you are not sure what to do with your old mattress, there are a few options to consider:

- Donate those in good condition to New Life Furniture Bank in Walpole or at the monthly collections hosted at the Transfer Station.
- Give them away on a local gifting group: Freecycle.com, Facebook Group Buy Nothing Dover/Sherborn, Nextdoor.com.
- If buying a new one, check with the retailer to see if they will recycle your old one.
- Green Team Junk Removal in Holliston, Service charge for in-home removal.
- Recycle locally at the Transfer Station for a \$15 fee.



Why: 95% of textiles thrown away in MA could be reused or repurposed! Take old clothes, shoes, bedding, etc., to textile collection bins. Good-condition items are sold at secondhand shops, while worn/torn textiles are turned into rags, insulation, and more.

Where: If you are not sure what to do with your old Textiles, there are a few options to consider:

- Donate those in good condition textiles by placing them bagged in the textile bins at the Transfer Station or the DS Middle and DS High Schools.

Please help Massachusetts reach its goal to reduce waste by 30 percent by 2030 by keeping mattresses and textiles out of the trash.