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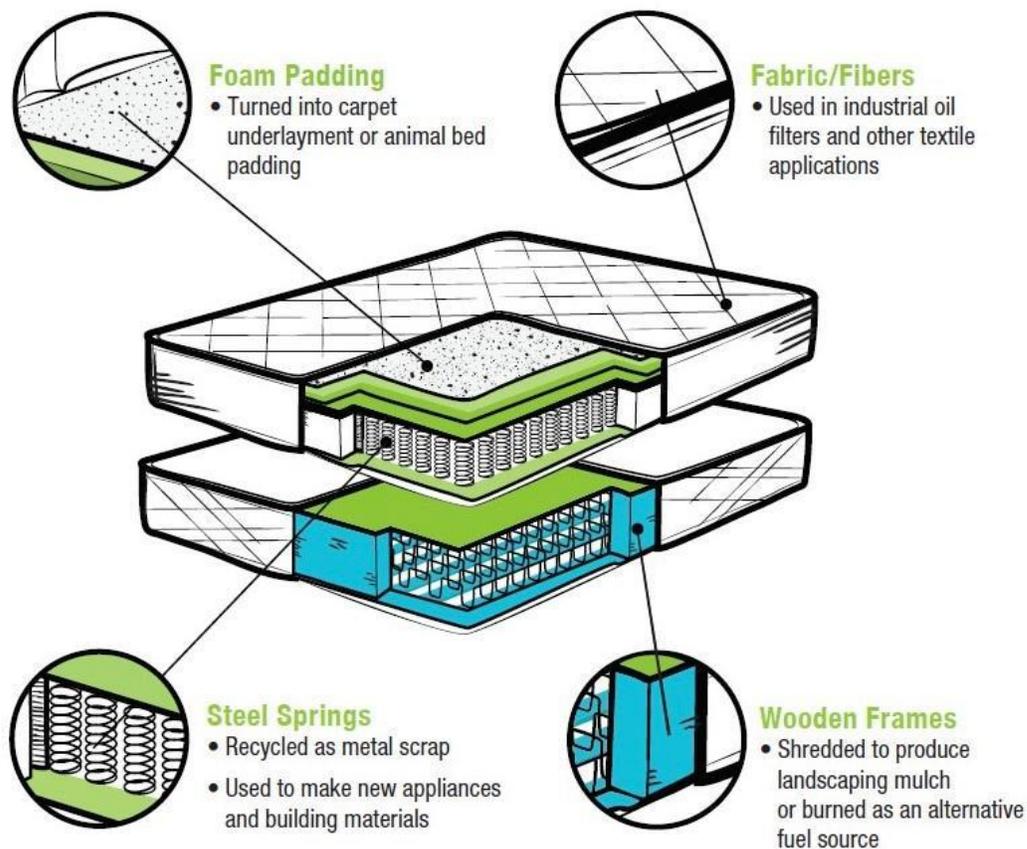
*Effective November 1, 2002, MassDEP will add mattresses, box springs, and textiles to the Waste Ban.*

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ([MassDEP](#)) has published the final 2030 Solid Waste Master Plan and announced that **effective on November 1, 2022**, the following amendments to the waste ban regulations:

- [Mattresses](#) will be banned from disposal.
- [Textiles](#) will be banned from disposal.

Waste bans boost recycling and support the recycling industry, which contributes thousands of jobs and millions of dollars to the Massachusetts economy. By cutting down on disposal, the waste bans also help us capture valuable resources, save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and lessen our reliance on landfills and incinerators.

Massachusetts residents and businesses discard approximately 600,000 mattresses and box springs annually. Mattresses are made up almost entirely of recyclable materials. Once disassembled, more than 75 percent of mattress components can be recycled and used to manufacture a variety of new products.



Discarded mattresses and box springs can be notoriously difficult to manage. They are expensive to transport, take up a lot of space in landfills, are hard to compact, and can get caught in incinerator processing equipment. All of these factors result in higher disposal costs. So, recycling or reuse only makes sense.

If you are purchasing a new mattress, consider having the delivery company haul away your old mattress. If you currently subscribe to a Trash Hauler collection service please give them a call, or check their website to inquire about curbside collection options they provide.

Other considerations for mattress & box springs:

- **Donate to a Charity** – Use MassDEP's [Beyond the Bin Recycling Directory](#) to find organizations near you that accept mattresses. High quality mattresses that are in good condition may be donated through non-profit outlets such as local charities and furniture banks. For more information, visit: <https://furniturebanks.org>. [The Wish Project](#) in Chelmsford/Lowell is one local furniture bank that may take them.
- **Drop-off Recycling Option** – [Annual vehicle window sticker permits](#) and 1-day passes (\$20) are available for purchase to utilize the Pepperell Transfer Station located at 66 Boynton St. Annual stickers are available for purchase at the Transfer Station or the DPW Office, 47 Nashua Rd. (in Lomar Park). Acceptable forms of payment include cash or checks made payable to “Pepperell Transfer Station”. A separate fee is required to recycle mattress and/or box springs.  
*Please note: Passes are not available for purchase at the Town Hall.*
- **Disposal** – It’s important to note that not all mattresses are ‘recyclable’. Mattresses that are deemed unsuitable for recycling (and therefore may not be sent to mattress recyclers) include:
  - Excessively torn, punctured, soiled or moldy items
  - Twisted or crushed mattresses or broken box springs
  - Wet or frozen mattresses or box springs
  - Mattresses or box springs infested with bed bugs or other pests
  - Futon mattresses, fold-out sofa beds
  - Mattress pads or toppers
  - Infant sleeping pads; air or water beds; any other furniture or textiles.

Textile bins are located throughout town, Wilkins Farm Stand, South Rd., Walgreen’s, Tarbell St.

Please visit [MassDEP Waste Disposal Bans](#) or [Recycling & Reuse | Mass.gov](#) for up-to-date resources and information.

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