

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2022

Mattresses, Boxsprings, and Textiles will be banned from the waste stream

**WHAT DO I
DO WITH
THIS?**



**Mattresses are no longer
accepted for trash disposal.**



**DO NOT PUT
IN RECYCLING
OR TRASH**



**Take textiles to a
drop-off location.**



Things are changing in Massachusetts! As of November 1, 2022, mattresses, box springs and textiles will no longer be allowed in the trash. New state rules require mattresses, box springs and textiles be kept out of the trash so they can be recycled or donated for reuse. In order to comply, the Town of Upton will be changing the way we collect these items.

- ❖ Residents may contract with a private hauler on their own to remove the mattress/box spring
- ❖ Residents may contact Green Team Junk Removal of Holliston to set up removal at a cost of **\$75.00** per mattress/box spring (must be clean and dry) Tel. 508-361-0519, website: www.gogreenteamjunk.com. Residents may also dispose of their dehumidifier through Green Team Junk Removal and receive a rebate from National Grid for \$30.00 (limit of two).
- ❖ Always try to negotiate the removal of your old mattress when purchasing a new one!
- ❖ Textiles should be recycled at a convenient drop box located throughout town – do not put them into your trash!

Why Mattresses? MA residents throw out 300,000 mattresses each year. That's a lot of potential material that could be used to make new products. In fact, over 75% of mattress and box spring components can be easily disassembled and recycled. Mattresses also take up a lot of space! Separating them for recycling is better for the planet and reduces the need for additional landfills and municipal waste combustion facilities.

Textile Recovery About 230,000 TONS of textiles are disposed of annually in Massachusetts—95% of which could have been reused, resold, or remade into something new instead. Textiles are anything from clothing (shirts, sweaters, pants) to footwear (sneakers, sandals, cleats) to accessories (bags, belts, hats) to linens (sheets, towels, and more). There are many paths your used textiles can take: Donated textiles can be given or resold to people who need them here in the US and abroad, Textiles in poor condition can become industrial wiping cloths, aka "shop rags", Anything that cannot be resold can be remanufactured into insulation used by a variety of industries (e.g., automotive, home furnishings, and carpet padding). Textiles should never go in your household recycling bin. They also do not belong in the trash, unless they are wet, moldy, or contaminated.