



FACT SHEET: MASSDEP'S MATTRESS RECYCLING INCENTIVE (MRI) GRANT PROGRAM

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) launched the mattress recycling incentive (MRI) grant program in 2016. The program evolved over time and has included funds for the collection, transportation, and/or recycling of residential mattresses and box springs.

In 2023, MassDEP expects to continue to provide funding to municipalities to purchase a dedicated mattress container.



- **Approximately 600,000 mattresses are disposed of in Massachusetts each year.**
- **More than 75% of mattress components can be recycled (steel, fabric, foam, wood).**
- **Since 2016, 180 municipalities have participated in the MRI grant program.**
 - 130 municipalities have been awarded an MRI grant.
 - More than 50 municipalities have benefited from being a “regional participant” – this means that residents can bring their mattresses to their regional hub for consolidation before sending for processing.
- **There are now five mattress recycling vendors on state contract (FAC90).**
 - Processing fees range from \$14- \$22 per piece.
 - Transportation costs depend on mileage and range from \$150-\$800 per haul.
- **Approximately 130,000 mattresses and box springs have been recycled through the grant program alone.**
 - This is approximately 3,575 tons diverted from disposal.
- **MassDEP has spent more than \$2.65 Million in grant funding to support this program.**
 - This represents approximately \$642,000 in funds for municipalities to purchase collection containers and over \$2 million in transportation and recycling costs.
 - The per-mattress cost to the Agency averages \$24.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

MassDEP website: www.mass.gov/guides/mattress-recycling

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