



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

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) launched the mattress recycling incentive (MRI) grant program in 2016.

The program provides funding to municipalities to aid in the collection, transportation, and recycling of residential mattresses and box springs.



- **MassDEP estimates that 200,000 mattresses and box springs are sent for disposal from residents in Massachusetts each year.**
 - Approximately 600,000 if you count commercial and institutional sources.
- **More than 75% of mattress components can be recycled (steel, fabric, foam, wood).**
- **Since 2016, 110 municipalities have participated in the MRI program.**
 - 78 municipalities have been awarded an MRI grant.
 - 32 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 four mattress recycling vendors on state contract (FAC90).**
 - Processing fees range from \$10-\$16 per piece.
 - Transportation costs depend on mileage and range from \$150-\$700 per haul.
- **More than 103,000 mattresses and box springs have been recycled.**
 - This is approximately 2,835 tons diverted from disposal.
- **MassDEP has spent more than \$2 Million in grant funding to support this program.**
 - This represents approximately \$400,000 in funds for municipalities to purchase storage containers and \$1.7 million in transportation and recycling processing costs (thus far).
 - The per-mattress cost to the Agency averages \$19.55.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

MassDEP website: www.mass.gov/service-details/mattress-recycling

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