

# MATTRESS RECYCLING IN MASSACHUSETTS

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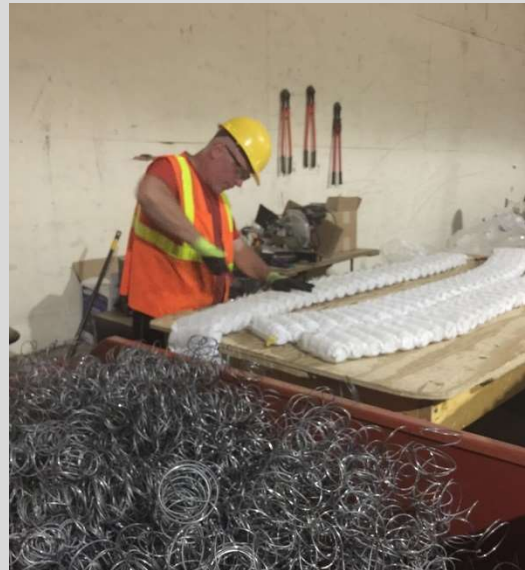
# MATTRESS RECYCLING RESOURCES

- [Sustainable Materials Recovery Program](#) (SMRP) Grants to municipalities – specifically RDP Funds
- [Recycling & Reuse Business Development Grants](#) (RBDG) to businesses
- [Recycling Loan Fund](#) for businesses
- State Contract [FAC90](#) for eligible mattress recycling vendors
- Encourage reuse and donation when possible

# MATTRESS RECYCLERS

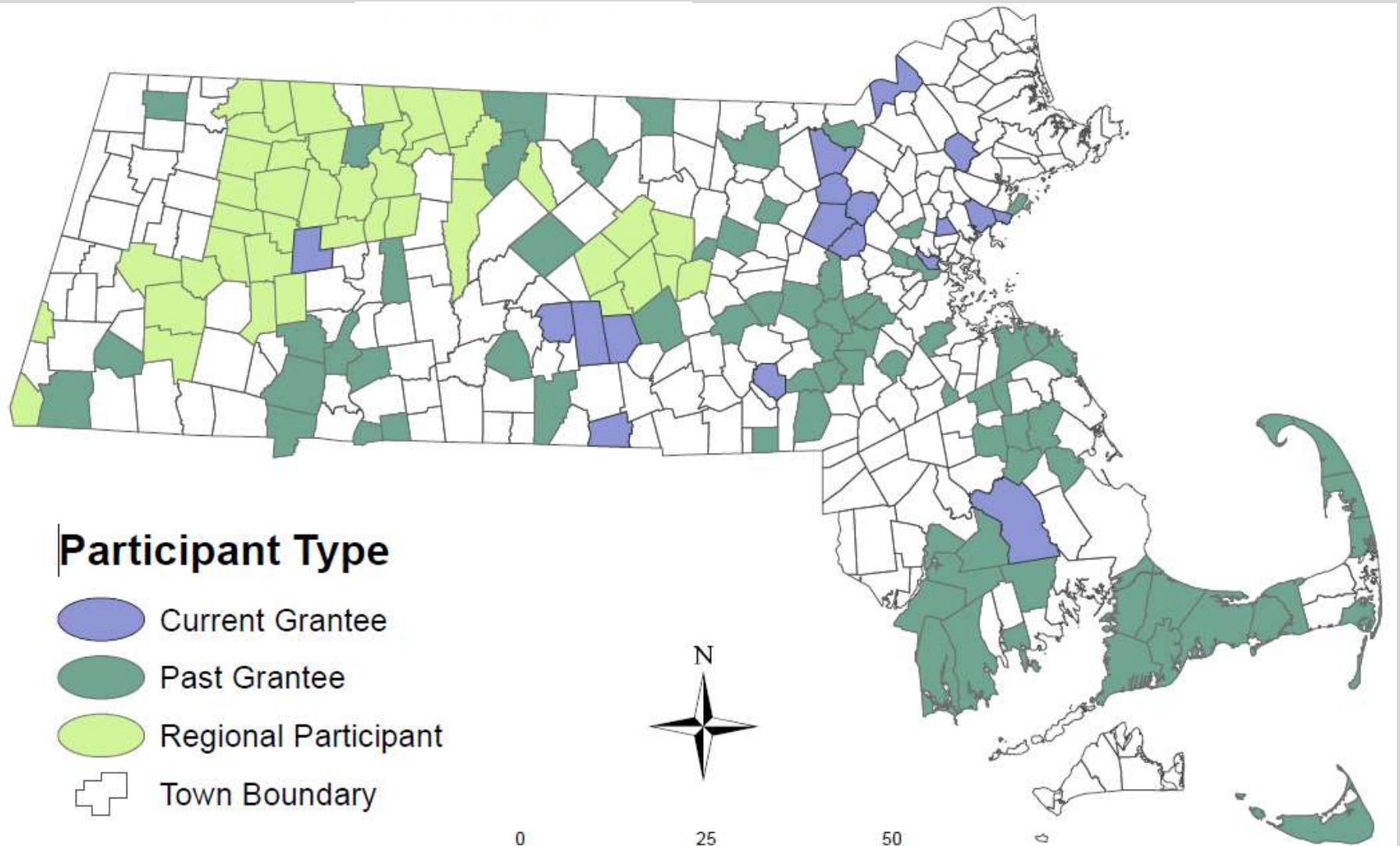
- Currently there are 4 mattress recycling vendors on State Contract FAC90.
- It is available to any public entity in MA.
- Processing costs range from \$10-16/piece.
- Haul costs range from \$175-700+/container, depending on distance.
- FAC90: <https://tinyurl.com/y2sq6kuw>

# MATTRESSES ARE DISMANTLED & COMPONENTS RECYCLED





# MUNICIPAL PROGRAMS



# MUNIS IN ACTION – DROP OFF

- Mattresses aggregated in a container at a transfer station or recycling center
- Loaded by municipal staff and/or residents (w/ oversight)
- Mattress recycler picks up container when full
- Considerations: high upfront cost for a container, location, adequate space, hours of operation, staff, etc.



# COLLECTION CONTAINERS



Massachusetts State Contract FAC113: [www.commbuys.com/bsol](http://www.commbuys.com/bsol)



# MUNIS IN ACTION – CURBSIDE

- Collected by mattress recycler or municipal staff
- Brought to a consolidation point or hauled directly to recycling facility
- Considerations: higher cost for curbside pickup, missed pickups, unscheduled mattresses left on the street, weather damage, etc.





## TIPS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Charge a fee for mattresses in order to balance costs borne by the municipality.
- Combination of drop-off and curbside collection increases participation.
  - If you are allowing curbside pick-up, schedule by appointment-only and charge a higher fee.
  - May have to deal with more mattresses being rejected by vendor due to damage from rain/snow/ice.

# TIPS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Prohibit curbside pick-up of mattresses for disposal in contracts with trash haulers.
- Current municipal contracts for curbside pickup “should” already include language addressing waste ban materials so haulers will not collect these items curbside.
- Best Practices for Curbside Collection Contracts:  
<https://www.mass.gov/lists/solid-waste-management-contracts-contracting>
- Continuous outreach and education!!!

# EXAMPLES OF OUTREACH

HEY, CAMBRIDGE!

## Mattresses Now Get Recycled!



 Schedule your **FREE** pickup of mattresses and box springs!

[CambridgeMA.Gov/Mattress](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Mattress)

**THE WORKS** **ZERO WASTE CAMBRIDGE** 

617.349.4800 [CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle](http://CambridgeMA.Gov/Recycle)

**NEW! TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT**

## MATTRESS RECYCLING

The Town of Swampscott now participates in the Mass DEP Mattress Recycling Program. Simply purchase a Mattress Recycling sticker online or from Town Hall and place your mattress out near the curb on a the monthly pick-up dates.

**STICKER COST: \$20**

- Mattresses will no longer be picked up as part of the bulk-item program, and will only be picked up monthly on a prescheduled date (2nd & 4th Saturday)
- Mattresses must be left out by the curb on your property and must not block the sidewalk
- Box springs and mattresses can both be disposed of using one sticker
- Please do not leave mattress out more than 48 hours in advance of pick-up





# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Website – [www.mass.gov/service-details/mattress-recycling](http://www.mass.gov/service-details/mattress-recycling)
  - Webinars / Presentations
  - Guidance Manual for Mattress Recycling
  - Link to FAC90 Contract & List of Vendors
- Rachel Smith – [Rachel.Smith@mass.gov](mailto:Rachel.Smith@mass.gov)

